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World Soccer and the World Cup

ON JUNE 13 the 1982 World Cup Finals begin. They will produce controversy, superb goals and crucial mistakes. Part of the fascination will be the new format with 24 teams taking part. Whatever the outcome and whoever wins or loses, one thing is certain: *World Soccer* will be there to bring you an unrivalled record of the 1982 Finals . . . from the Opening Match to the winners lap of honour at the end.

England manager Ron Greenwood hopes for

SOCCER WITH A SMILE!

Ron Greenwood with Trevor Brooking.

interview by Leslie Vernon

FOOTBALL played "with a smile" — that's what Ron Greenwood hopes to see at the World Cup in Spain, whether the Falklands crisis means England are there or not.

As I spoke to England's manager so political storm clouds were gathering in the South Atlantic. But Greenwood was making it a priority to remind his players that all they had to worry about was preparing for England to appear in the finals for the first time for 12 years.

What sort of a World Cup will it be?

"I am a dreamer. I hope for the type of football Peru played against France recently. Football with a smile, adventurous and attacking. Not negative, cautious and boring. We want to see the likes of Uribe, Littbarski, Maradona at their best. I hope to see skill triumph over regimentation. If I am proved to be wrong, then I am wrong, but I am optimistic."

How would England fit in with these "dreams"?

"We must overcome our problems of too much football for the players in May. But the English footballer is very adaptable. He can fashion his game to suit the situation. He is used to 'hard labour'. I trust the strength of their character, their ambition and devotion to the cause. We ought to have a very good World Cup."

It is always a pleasure to interview Ron Greenwood. The England national team manager understands football thoroughly, speaks with eloquence about the game he loves, and has a great deal of knowledge about foreign teams and players. In the face of some fierce criticism, Greenwood took England into the Finals of the European Championship and, of course, into the World Cup. They had a lean spell in 1981, but apart from that, Greenwood's overall record is a very good one.

During his time, he has achieved continuity through the Youth side, the Under-21 team, the "B" internationals and the seniors, and has utilised the know-how of several club managers and coaches. Under him, English football has a strong leader, and our game has benefited greatly from his guidance.

When I met him in the impressive offices of the Football Association he was still under the influence of the France v. Peru game in Paris.

"The Peruvians were tremendous," he said. "They rekindle your beliefs in football. They play with 'a smile', with delightful flicks and invention. I remember in 1970 when I first saw Cubillas, and the way he played one-twos with a big centre-forward, Leon. They were a bit naive defensively then, but they are slightly better now. Diaz is a very good player, but Cueto is the real star in midfield, and I like Uribe. Oblitas is a veteran now, but he scored a couple of good goals — one was disallowed for an invisible offside. It was delightful to see how happy they were that they won — that's what's missing from football generally. Real pleasure in playing it and enjoyment in victory. A smile in place of the usual growl!"

Are you satisfied with the preparation of the England team?

"You can't call it preparation really. Other countries prepare, we are playing matches and yet more matches. I didn't really want the Scotland fixture and neither did Jock Stein. But it is such a money-spinner that we had to play. The Finland-Iceland tour in early June will be ideal. We shall take 30 players and use 15 against Finland and the others will get a game against Iceland. Luckily, our lads are used to the treadmill of playing two games per week in the League. Competitive, hard matches.

"The Scotland game will be a battle, but against Finland, we can relax. Still, tiredness, muscle fatigue are the great enemies. We don't need two months in the mountains, but we could do with two weeks' rest! Strength in depth is the great asset of our football — no real brilliance, but we have a great many players of international standard. We have about five players who are automatic choices for the team, there should be 12."

How do you see England's chances in the World Cup?

"We are quietly confident. We

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INJURY problems for a host of World Cup finalists.

The SOVIET UNION will be witho David Kipiani and maybe Leonid Buryak . . . AUSTRIA may be without leg fracture victim Kurt Jara . . . BELGIUM may go into the Opening Match against Argentina without Rene Vandereycken, who suffered a knee injury in the friendly against Bulgaria . . . EL SALVADOR may be without goalkeeper Luis Mora, suspended from training after a row with coach Mauricio Rodriguez.

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ALFREDO DI STEFANO is going back to Real Madrid.

More than 20 years after inspiring them from centre-forward to five successive European Cup triumphs, Di Stefano is returning next season as manager.

Di Stefano, who has lately been in charge of his first club as a player – River Plate of Buenos Aires – still has a villa in Madrid.

Two years ago he managed Valencia to the Cup-winners' Cup. Now he goes back to succeed Yugoslav Vujadin Boskov at Madrid, with the promise: "I'll fight all I can to make this club great again."

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are not going to be bombastic about it, after all, the 90 minutes will matter against France. If we can produce 'the goods' then, we will be all right. Our great assets are threefold — commitment, resilience and attitude. The Continentals envy our competitiveness — they know that England are never beaten until the final whistle. We must be like Liverpool and be able to win matches in the last 10 minutes! As you say, there are not many great sides in the tournament, and they have a habit of falling away when things don't go their way. When they are on top, they can play excellent, flowing football, but as soon as the opposition scores, their heads go down and they become tentative."

Enigma

What is your opinion about France?

"An enigma. I have seen them play very well and they can be very ordinary. Good technical players but a little bit slow. They have an abundance of good wingers, I liked the coloured boy, Couriol.. But Rocheteau has lost his sparkle, and is certainly no central striker. Platini is obviously a great player, but he doesn't get on with Larios. Hidalgo, their manager, wants to play attractive football, and their game is very fluid, people are moving about all the time, but they are susceptible in patches. France can be very dangerous, but I saw Brotherston murder Bossis when they played N. Ireland. Tresor and Lopez are experienced defenders."

Czechoslovakia?

"Great technical players, but they lack full commitment. Nehoda is quite brilliant but lacks pace — he is more of a midfielder now than a forward. I like Kriz, who is a tall, front player — very dangerous. The Czechs seem to be obsessed with technique, without any end product — they want to create with a slide rule. If we allow them to play, they can be devastating, but I feel that their style lacks thrust. I must mention Vizek and Barmos — two very good players."

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"We don't know much about them, but we shall watch them in their matches against Czechoslovakia and France. Terry Venables, John Cartwright, Dave Sexton and Eddie Baily are coming with us to Spain, and their job will be to watch the other groups and our next opponents."

Were you impressed with W. Germany?

"When I saw them against Czechoslovakia, they had a devastating spell when they could have scored five or six goals. They played positive football. Every pass went into space for people to run into. If we play them, we must not be submerged by them. Obviously, Kaltz, Breitner and Rummenigge are their best players, but I was very impressed with Littbarski. He plays like a young George Best — a very exciting player. But Tony Woodcock tells me that Littbarski is rather inconsistent. Matthaus is just a 'marker', he fills-in when Kaltz goes down the wing. Drammler does the same job for Briegel, who is a very strong player. When the Czechs equalised, the W. Germans went to pieces and won only with the help of a very debatable penalty. There were too many substitutes in this match. I don't like that. In my view, there should be two outfield players' substitutes and one goalkeeper — in every game, competitive or friendly."

Is your resolve to retire after the World Cup?

"Yes. I have had a lovely life in football. It was a privilege and an honour to meet so many great people, but you cannot travel the world for ever, you owe it to your wife to stay at home. I am not a rich man, but I retire happily, because I have had two great loves in my life — my wife and football. I've spent 40 years with both of them. One cannot ask for more!"

World Cup favourites Brazil, back row left to right: Waldir Peres, Edevaldo, Luizinho, Edinho, Toninho Cerezo, Junior. Front: Paulo Isidoro, Socrates, Reinaldo, Zico, Eder.

Ron Greenwood with Leslie Vernon

England captain Kevin Keegan.

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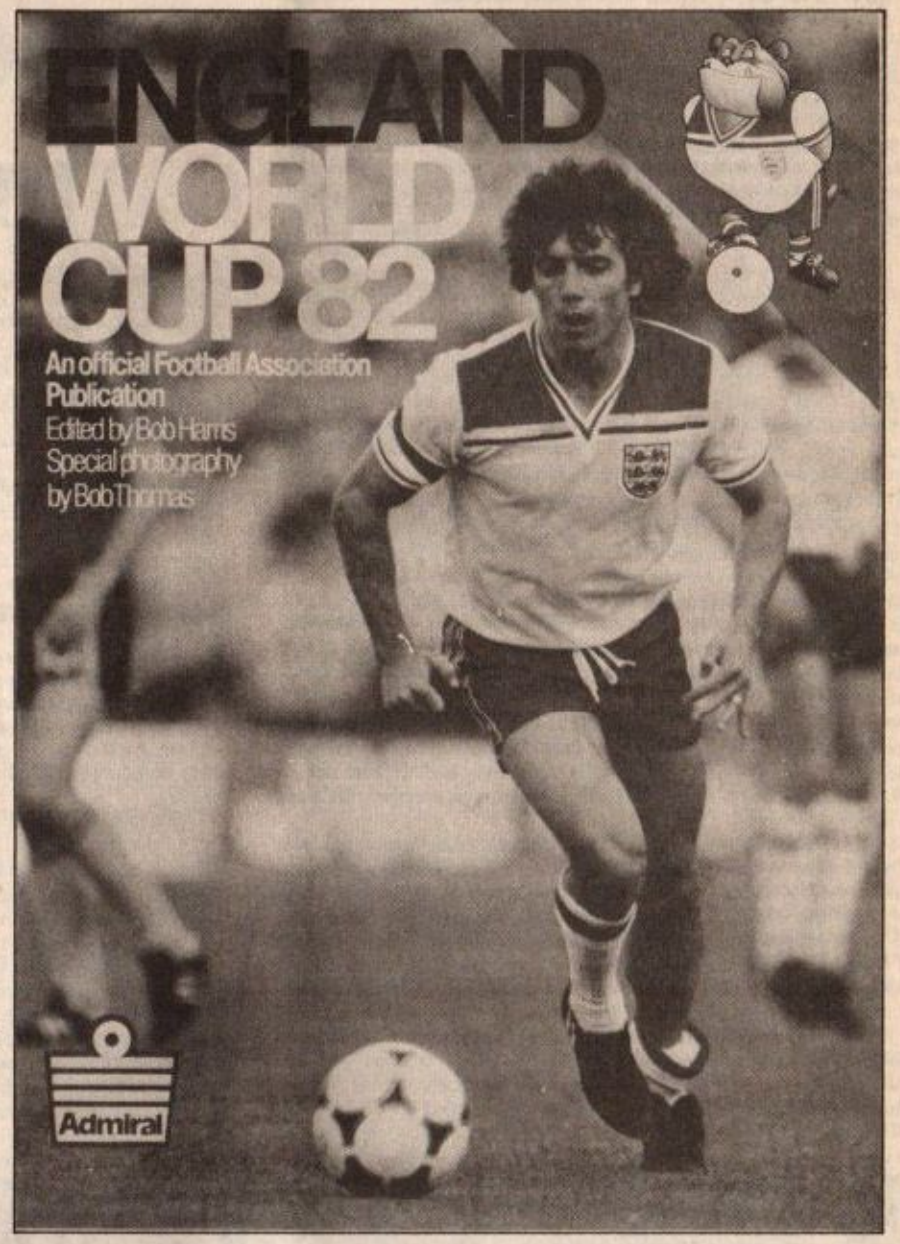

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European Cup Final

Aston Villa 1 Bayern Munich 0

English sequ as substitute makes a bit

EVEN the fans behaved themselves on the night Aston Villa and Bayern Munich restored a little of the tarnished glory of the European Cup final.

This wasn't the greatest game in the 26-year sequence, but it was the best since Liverpool's 3-1 defeat of Borussia Moenchengladbach in Rome began the six-season English domination of Europe's premier club competition.

As for Bayern, they are left to kick themselves all the way back to West Germany after failing to take the string of chances which fell their way, particularly during a brilliant 20-minute blitz on the Villa goal at the start of the second half.

Rummenigge, Dürnberger, Hoeness, Breitner, Horsmann and Kraus all had efforts blocked, or saved by the superb work of substitute goalkeeper Nigel Spink — who thus wrote another remarkable page of football history.

No goalkeeper had ever been replaced in the Champions' Cup final — save Benfica's Costa Pereira in 1965, in the era before substitutions — and it was a massive shock to Villa when, after only nine minutes, the vastly experienced Jimmy Rimmer walked off leaving his place to the 23-year-old who had previously played only one senior game. And that one on Boxing Day, 1979, against Nottingham Forest.

Some of Forest's European gold dust had obviously rubbed off on Nigel Spink. Bayern coach Pal Csernai said afterwards that he thought the switch would work well for Bayern. But a mixture of his own forwards' lethargy and Villa's defensive efficiency meant that Spink remained untroubled, able to adjust to the atmosphere and the angles, for 20 minutes before he was called on to save from Bernd Dürnberger.

In fact Spink had been slightly out of position. But that was about the only mistake of a night on which his hands held everything and everything fired at him by Germans whose disappointment in defeat left them so angry their players refused to turn up at the press conference.

Angry . . . and probably ashamed too. Several of the Bayern players had not been noted in the weeks leading up to the final for their politeness towards either Villa representatives or the British media and such off-field arrogance was duly repaid in the most shattering fashion.

Bayern remain an enigma. They put together some glorious football, moving cleverly and fluidly forward with Klaus Augenthaler a revelation as sweeper once he had been given the all-clear to forge forward. But once Villa had snapped back with Peter Withe's goal, Bayern's imagination and skill faded. Eventually they were reduced to slinging hopeful angled crosses into a penalty area where Dieter Hoeness never once succeeded in getting the better of Ken McNaught or Allan Evans in the air.

If there were common denominators binding the teams the commonest was at centre-forward where two clumsy players — Withe and Hoeness — did their best to become suddenly nimble. Withe emerged as the hero, of course, with his goal. And a goal inspired Withe with understandable delight thinking back a few years to the days when Brian Clough sold him from Nottingham Forest because he didn't think Withe had what it took to lead their European Cup attempts.

If Withe's resurrection was one remarkable feature of the game, what can one say of Tony Barton? Having taken over in midseason from Ron Saunders, Barton has emerged from the shadows of the English game to stand up alongside Jock Stein, Sir Matt Busby, Bob Paisley and Brian Clough as the British managers who have triumphed in the Champions' Cup.

He's not the shortest-serving manager to land the trophy. That honour still belongs to Miguel Muñoz, Real Madrid's manager of a few weeks when the Spaniards scored their 7-3 triumph over Eintracht Frankfurt in 1960. But Muñoz had a European pedigree already, thanks to his role as right-half and captain in 1956 and 1957. Barton, instead, was a complete unknown — except to those Fulham and Portsmouth fans who remembered him as a lively right winger a long time ago.

Whatever Saunders thought, back in England, will remain a mystery. Being the man he is, he would no doubt insist that he had no option but to leave Villa when he did, trapped in the club's latest wrangles over a manager's contract. But the result has meant the world for Barton — and maybe it will mean that for Villa's players, too, if they not go on to take part once more in the world club cup final.

The past two years this has involved the pilgrimage to Tokyo to face the champions of South America — though whether the behind-the-scenes World Cup promotions changes which saw the London firm West Nally stepping out a few weeks ago will also affect the world club cup, remains to be seen.

Villa are the fourth English club to win the Champions' Cup, a national success rate which far outstrips anybody else, and to earn their victory they proved over the 90 minutes to be the more consistent. They started faster and settled quicker than Bayern, enthusiastically roared on by 10,000 travelling fans who were remarkably well-behaved given the excuse for riotous celebration which their heroes provided.

It's still hard to realise that Villa are champions of Europe. It doesn't seem so long ago that they were down in the third division. But Villa have tradition, tons of it, and on that basis alone few people

The goal that won Aston Villa the European Cup . . . Peter Withe (9) slots home Tony Morley's cross for the only score of the match.

Rotterdam, May 26

ence goes on goalkeeper of history

could begrudge their adding the European Cup to a string of achievements which still includes the record number of seven successes in the FA Cup.

The Feyenoord stadium in Rotterdam was staging the Champions' Cup final for the second time, also, back in 1974, this was the scene of one of the first riots by English fans abroad, when Spurs' supporters let loose a torrent of violence during the second leg of the UEFA Cup Final.

So for Villa to come back and make amends in footballing terms — there were more reasons than football alone for most Dutch fans wanting to see Bayern lose — was timely and appropriate.

Bayern's defeat broke a historic sequence. The Bavarian club had won all the 13 major finals in their history in the old German championship, the German Cup, the Champions' Cup and the Cup-winners' Cup. But this time they let themselves down. They arrived in Rotterdam having won the German Cup, but having slipped out of the Bundesliga title race. Also, their team line-up was uncertain until the last minute, demonstrating unfavourably their own unease for a game they were expected to win.

The inclusion on the right side of midfield of Reinhold Mathy was the unlooked-for surprise, with World Cup midfielder Wolfgang Dremmler moved to right-back because Csernai thought he would be better able to cope with the unpredictable Tony Morley. With Bertram Beierlörzer out injured, Csernai had few options. But the loss of Dremmler from midfield might just have proved decisive when Bayern needed all their experience and sure-footedness in the closing stages.

CHAMPIONS' CUP FINALS

1956 (Paris): REAL MADRID 4, Reims 3.
1957 (Madrid): REAL MADRID 2, Fiorentina 0.
1958 (Brussels): REAL MADRID 3, Milan 2 — aet.
1959 (Stuttgart): REAL MADRID 2, Reims 0.
1960 (Hampden): REAL MADRID 7, Eintracht Frankfurt 3.
1961 (Berne): BENFICA 3, Barcelona 2.
1962 (Amsterdam): BENEFICA 5, Real Madrid 3.
1963 (Wembley): MILAN 2, Benfica 1.
1964 (Vienna): INTERNAZIONALE 3, Real Madrid 1.
1965 (Milan): INTERNAZIONALE 1, Benfica 0.
1966 (Brussels): REAL MADRID 2, Partizan Belgrade 1.
1967 (Lisbon): CELTIC 2, Internazionale 1.
1968 (Wembley): MANCHESTER UNITED 4, Benfica 1 — aet.
1969 (Madrid): MILAN 4, Ajax Amsterdam 1.
1970 (Milan): FEYENOORD 2, Celtic 1 — aet.
1971 (Wembley): AJAX 2, Panathinaikos 0.
1972 (Rotterdam): AJAX 2, Internazionale 0.
1973 (Belgrade): AJAX 1, Juventus 0.
1974 (Brussels): BAYERN MUNICH 4, Atletico Madrid 0 (after a 1-1 draw — aet).
1975 (Paris): BAYERN 2, Leeds 0.
1976 (Hampden): BAYERN 1, Saint-Etienne 0.
1977 (Rome): LIVERPOOL 2, Borussia Mg 1.
1978 (Wembley): LIVERPOOL 1, Club Brugge 0.
1979 (Munich): NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1, Malmö FF 0.
1980 (Madrid): NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1, Hamburg 0.
1981 (Paris): LIVERPOOL 1, Real Madrid 0.
1982 (Rotterdam): ASTON VILLA 1, Bayern Munich 0.

Victories: Real Madrid 6; Ajax, Bayern and Liverpool 3 each; Benfica, Milan, Internazionale and Nottingham Forest 2 each; Celtic, Manchester United, Feyenoord, Aston Villa 1 each (12 clubs).

Finals: Real Madrid 9; Benfica 5; Bayern, Internazionale 4 each; Liverpool, Ajax, Milan 3 each; Nottingham Forest, Celtic, Reims 2 each; Feyenoord, Manchester United, Aston Villa, Club Brugge, Partizan Belgrade, Malmo, Hamburg, Leeds, Atletico Madrid, Juventus, Panathinaikos, Barcelona, Fiorentina, Entracht Frankfurt 1 each (24 clubs).

EUROPEAN COMPETITION TOP SCORERS

Champions' Cup: Hoeness (Bayern) 7 — Rummenigge (Bayern) 6 — Breitner (Bayern) and Geurts (Anderlecht) 5 — Knapp (Banik Ostrava) and Morley (Aston Villa) 4 — Riediger (Dynamo Berlin), Kist (AZ '67), Lozano (Anderlecht), Savic (Red Star), Petrovic (Red Star), R. Savic (Red Star), Yontschev (CSKA Sofia), McDermott (Liverpool), Licka (Banik Ostrava), Shaw (Aston Villa), Withe (Aston Vila), Jerkovic (FC Zürich), all 3 each.

Cup Winners' Cup: Shengelia (Dynamo Tbilisi) and Voordeckers (Standard) 6 — Simonsen (Barcelona) 5 — Vandersmissen (Standard) 4 — Falco (Tottenham), Fairclough (Dundalk), Zötsche (Lok. Leipzig), Kok (Lausanne), Quini (Barcelona), Moran (Barcelona), Varadi (Vasas), Sulakvalidze (Dynamo Tbilisi), Milla (Bastia), Tahamata (Standard) all 3 each.

UEFA Cup: Nilsson (IFK Göteborg) 9 — Von Heesen (Hamburg), Hrubesch (Hamburg), Funkel (Kaiserslautern), Martens (Beveren), Kouis (Aris Saloniki) and Frederiksson (IFK Göteborg) all 5 each — Oliveira (Sp. Lisbon), Briegel (Kaiserslautern), Gudelj (Hajduk Split), Bannon (Dundee United), Milne (Dundee United), Pellegrini (Neuchatel X), Corneliusson (Goteborg) all 4 each.

from Keir Radnedge

TONY BARTON (Aston Villa manager): "In the first 20 minutes we did well. We knew how Bayern would play and we were able to counter them. They got back into it in the 10 minutes before half-time and we were glad of the break which gave us a chance to have a rest and sort things out a bit. Then the second half turned into an end-to-end battle. We lived a little dangerously but if you are going to win then you have to be prepared to do that. A lot of chances were created but we took the one which mattered. Jimmy Rimmer ricked his neck in training the day before the game. He had an injection overnight and trained on the morning of the game without any reaction. But after about five minutes of the match he stretched and turned and felt his neck again and — this demonstrates what a great professional he is — he decided that it would not be fair on the team if he tried to carry on. When Jimmy came off I'm sure the fans were probably more worried than we were. Nigel Spink has been with Villa for a few years and has been working with the first team for a couple of seasons now and everyone at the club is in no doubt about what a good goalkeeper he is. As for Bayern: a lot of people say that if you stop Rummenigge and Breitner then you stop Bayern. But that isn't true. They have five or six players with real ability and I think, despite the fact that we beat them, that Breitner and Rummenigge showed here again why they are rated as world-class players. In conclusion, our victory is a tremendous boost for British football, particularly on the eve of the World Cup. British football really isn't as bad as everyone makes out and I hope this game proved the point."

PAL CSERNAI (Bayern coach): "Villa deserved to win because they scored the goal after a final which was a much better game than last year. We didn't play as we wanted, particularly in the first half which, I thought, was surprising because of the cautious attitude of both teams. In the second half we speeded-up the pace and there was a lot of good football in midfield and exciting scenes in front of goal. We had plenty of clear chances but we failed to take advantage. Villa's substitute goalkeeper was outstanding. When they made the change I thought it could work to our advantage but that wasn't the case. He played very well."

Morley it was who created the decisive break for the goal in the 67th minute. He turned Dremmler inside out as he sliced a path into the penalty box on the left before stabbing the ball across goal for Withe to tuck it into the net. French referee Georges Konrath was left with nothing to do but point to the centre spot and Villa's jubilation was as great as Bayern's depression. Konrath had a fine game, giving one of the best top-level refereeing displays seen for a long, long time. He never hesitated and he was firm and decisive. Again, there was no hesitation in the 88th minute when Dieter Hoeness joined in on the end of an Augenthaler-Güttler raid to shoot beyond Spink. Most definitely offside.

No argument.

There will continue to be, of course, arguments over whether Villa deserved to win. Certainly the most explosive football in the game was supplied by Bayern. But in two bursts — one before the interval, the other after the break. A game lasts 90 minutes and over that time Villa were the more persistent. They may have played better — Withe and Shaw certainly have done — but as a team they functioned efficiently and sensibly. Good British professionals, all of them. That may not mean the technical excitement which characterises the best of the continental or South American teams, but football is a mixture of qualities.

Barton said afterwards he hoped this would provide England with a lift for the World Cup. But in a funny sort of a way, Villa achieved only what had been expected. It would have been a let-down if, after so many years of English success, they had failed to win the Cup. As for Bayern's World Cup players, they lost out on a chance to provide themselves with a happy omen for the trip to Spain.

In 1974 West Germany's World Cup victory was prefaced by Bayern's first Champions' Cup success. However now the Germans travel down to the finals with their clubs beaten not only in the Champions' Cup final, but in the UEFA Cup final as well.

Are the West Germans losing their grip? Is the nation which has dominated European football over the past decade about to enter a period of uncertainty and further defeats?

These are two of the major questions to emerge from Rotterdam. Questions which will be answered, perhaps, in a few weeks time.

Bayern Munich 0
Aston Villa 1 (Peter Withe 67)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 46,000. **Referee:** Georges Konrath (France).

Bayern: 1 Müller — 2 Dremmler, 4 Weiner, 5 Augenthaler, 3 Horsmann — 10 Mathy (16 Güttler 52min), 8 Breitner, 6 Kraus (13 Niedermayer 78min), Durnberger — 11 Rummenigge, 9 Hoeness. Subs not used: 12 Junghans, 14 Pfügler, 15 Sigurvinsson. Coach: Pal Csernai.

Villa: 1 Rimmer (16 Spink 9min) — 2 Swain, 4 Evans, 5 McNaught, 3 Williams — 7 Bremner, 10 Cowans, 6 Mortimer — Shaw, 9 Withe, 11 Morley. Subs not used: 12 Heard, 13 Blair, 14 Geddis, 15 Gibson. Manager: Tony Barton.

Bayern: 15 shots (seven on target; eight off); 11 fouls (also four offsides); five corners (1/4).

A. Villa: Nine shots (three on target; six off); 20 fouls (also one offside); two corners (2/0).

from
Keir Radnedge

The day they mugged a football match

THE final of the Cup-winners' Cup wasn't really about the Cup-winners' Cup at all: it was about the World Cup.

And that's what, at the end of the game, was so depressing. Because the catalogue of savagery which had scarred the occasion was both unworthy of a major club final, and frightening with the World Cup finals around the corner.

On June 13 we all go back to the beautiful Nou Camp stadium to see Argentina play Belgium. That's not so worrying. It's the thought of what Spain's footballers are going to get up to which places the character of the 1982 World Cup under question.

For there was no question that, great club Barcelona may be, their players — with two shining exceptions in Allan Simonsen and Quini — went massively over the top, literally and figuratively, in their determination to win the Cup-Winners' Cup.

West German referee Walter Eschweiler booked six players and sent off Belgian World Cup defender Walter Meeuws in the last minute for what was a most understandable — if not forgiveable — piece of thuggery.

Many of the neutral observers praised Eschweiler for being prepared to book so many players and for repeatedly pulling up Barcelona for their rank bad manners and malicious tackling.

But I know it's easy to say this after the event. But he didn't go far enough. He should have sent a player off much earlier: preferably Migueli, and preferably in the first half.

In his younger days Migueli, nicknamed Tarzan but with none of that fictional hero's chivalry, was a hard, rugged centre-back. Now that he's in the veteran stage — indeed he has been given a free transfer — he revealed himself as vicious and slow. In the 24th minute he was booked for a wild kick at Simon Tahamata which deserved the red, rather than the yellow card.

All right, so the whistle had gone for an earlier foul and the tricky Tahamata was teasing the Spanish defenders, but that made the offence even more serious in my view.

For Migueli's offence wasn't even aggression as part of the game; it was hacking out when the ball was already dead.

He stayed on, Barcelona pulled back from a goal down to draw level before half-time and went on to win 2-1 to land the Cup-winners' Cup for the second time in their history.

The manner of victory was obviously unimportant to the thousands who blocked up the Ramblas in the city centre later that night. They were happy to celebrate, to wave their Catalan flags and express all the pent-up regional/nationalism. But this was a club victory only; what happens when the whole country becomes involved with the success or failure of the national team?

Barcelon's tactics were as pointless as they were degrading. For later in the game, when the teams tried to play the odd bit of football, it became perfectly obvious that they were far the better side and, in Simonsen, possess one of Europe's outstanding talents. They could have won — perhaps more easily — without any of the bitterness which led Standard coach Raymond Goethals to boycott a conference with the Spanish press after the game.

For his Barcelona rival, Udo Lattek, of course, there was reason to celebrate. After Barcelona's astonishing collapse in the league Lattek's job was on the line at the end of his first season. But victory not only ensured his position for next season, it also made him the first manager to guide teams to success in all three European competitions: the Champions' Cup with Bayern Munich, the UEFA Cup with Borussia Moenchengladbach and now the Cup-Winners' Cup with Barcelona.

But any German visitor would hardly have recognised this Barcelona as one of Lattek's teams.

The fouling began in the opening minute. The first really bad foul arrived in the third minute, courtesy of Jose Sanchez on Meeuws; Migueli went in high and late on Benny Wendt a minute later — then blatantly pushed the Swedish centre-forward as the ensuing free kick curled into the penalty box.

Justice was done three minutes later, however. Another free kick to Standard, and Arie Haan took a long run to dummy for a shot, pushed the ball past the wall instead for Wendt to sling over a low cross which Guy Vandermissen flicked up past Javier Urruti.

It was a beautifully worked free kick and was exactly what Barcelona deserved. Not that they appeared to learn the lesson. Sanchez fouled Gerets, Quini was booked for dissent, and Migueli battered Jos Daerden, then took his swipe at Tahamata and collected a booking.

Not that the Belgians were all sweetness and light while this was going on. Tahamata, Wendt and Rene Botteron in attack had been paralysed into anonymity. But the defence sprung their offside trap with frustratingly efficient regularity. Wendt was booked for a revenge kick at Sanchez and Meeuws for tripping Esteban.

Hardly surprising that Barcelona thus pulled level after a free kick themselves. Gerets had tripped Carrasco out on the left, and when Estaban flighted his kick across the box, goalkeeper Preud'homme made a hash of his clearance to allow little Simonsen virtually a free header. Almost on the stroke of half-time, and Barcelona were level.

The second half contained a little more football. Simonsen was in brilliant form, skipping the tackles and the fouls, cajoling, chasing, inspiring. Quini trotted dutifully up ahead, pulling the heart of the Standard defence this way and that and skipper Sanchez put in a prodigious amount of fetching and carrying.

Barcelona clearly missed the inspiration of Bernd Schuster in midfield, but they managed and by the time the winner came along, they just about deserved it. Again, inevitably, it came from a free kick. Simonsen took it quickly while Standard milled about wondering whether to organise a wall, and Quini smacked the ball into the net.

Referee Eschweiler didn't know what was going on. His back was to Simonsen when the little Dane took the free kick. All credit to Simonsen — his quick thinking truly punished the foul, which is what free kicks are supposed to do. But one sensed that the referee had been worn down by the first half's activity and wasn't with the game.

Barcelona were never troubled further. Haan was booked for tripping Simonsen, Urruti made a brave save from Poel and Manolo was booked for a foul on Tahamata. Finally, as Carrasco shamefully toyed with the ball by the corner flag in a flagrant display of time-wasting which the referee should never have allowed, he was kicked to the ground by Meeuws. The Belgian defender knew he would sent off, but by that time it didn't matter.

What was one more act of violence on the day they mugged a football match?

"What did you do that for?" Standard's Walter Meeuws asks Barcelona's Esteban after yet another foul.

Cup Winners Cup

In Barcelona — May 12
Barcelona 2 (Simonsen 44, Quini 63)
Standard Liege 1 (Vandermissen 7)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 100,000. **Ref:** Walter Eschweiler (WG).

Barcelona: Urruti — Gerardo, Migueli, Alexanco, Manolo — Sanchez, Moratalla, Esteban — Simonsen, Quini, Carrasco. (Subs not used: Artola, Ramos, Olmo, Zuviria, Moran). Coach: Udo Lattek.

Standard: Preud'homme — Gerets, Poel, Meeuws, Plessers — Vandersmissen, Daerden, Haan, Botteron — Tahamata, Wendt. (Subs not used: Bodart, Sciacia, Englebert, Delbrouck, Voordeckers). Coach: Raymond Goethals.

Sent off: Meeuws (S) 89. **Booked:** Quini (B) dissent 19; Migueli (B) foul 24; Wendt (S) retaliation 27; Meeuws (S) trip 30; Haan (S) foul 71; Manolo (B) foul 84.

PAST WINNERS: 1961 Fiorentina. 1962 Atletico Madrid. 1963 Tottenham. 1964 Sporting Lisbon. 1965 West Ham. 1966 Borussia Dortmund. 1967 Bayern Munich. 1968 Milan. 1969 Slovan Bratislava. 1970 Man City. 1971 Chelsea. 1972 Rangers. 1973 Milan. 1974 Magdeburg. 1975 Kiev. 1976 Anderlecht. 1977 Hamburg. 1978 Anderlecht. 1979 Barcelona. 1980 Valencia. 1981 Tbilisi. 1982 Barcelona.

MOST WINS: Anderlecht, Barcelona, Milan all two each.

by
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IFK Gothenburg provide the shock of the season

UEFA Cup Final report

THE SHOCK of the European season. There's no other way to describe it.

"Shock" may have become an overworked word in sports journalism but the abrupt surprise provided by IFK Gothenburg — Sweden's first-ever European winners — was just that.

That they should have beaten Hamburg 1-0 in the first leg in their own Ullevi stadium was not unexpected. The West Germans went out, unashamedly, in search of the goalless draw (or even the single-goal defeat) which they expected to provide the launching pad for victory in the Volksparkstadion.

The very fact that it was only in the closing minutes that injury-hit IFK scored their winner seemed to underline the point Hamburg were, basically, superior.

Superior that is, in everything except attitude. What is it about German teams — German players — which lets them down just a step from the peak? Last season Bayern Munich went the same way against Liverpool in the Champions' Cup semi-finals. After they had wormed their way to a goalless draw at Anfield they dismissed Liverpool as tactically naïve . . . and paid the price of over confidence.

So did Hamburg this time around.

Perhaps that wasn't a bad thing as far as Jupp Derwall is concerned. His West German European champions have been supreme in Europe for so long that he must have been secretly praying for the sort of unpleasant — but not mortal — blow which would remind his players they are, after all, only human.

Hamburg, with Manni Kaltz, Felix Magath and Horst Brubesch in their ranks, were a choice sacrifice!

But to blame Hamburg for the wrong attitude is to do the Swedish part-timers a disservice. It was also doing them no good to label IFK as "only the second Swedish team to have reached a European final, after Malmo in the European Cup in 1979."

To say that instantly bracketed IFK with a boring, stultifying, stifling side who brought no credit to Swedish football. IFK are a different kettle of fish. For one thing, as a club, they have the largest popular following in Sweden. Founded in 1904 they have the history to go with their ambition and their reputation for entertaining, if erratic, football.

Certainly they dominated the first leg despite a couple of injury blows whose significance would have crippled most other teams. First man to limp out of the game was Torbjorn Nilsson, IFK's outstanding player this season and their top scorer in the UEFA Cup with eight goals.

Tord Holmgren . . . grabbed the vital first leg winner for IFK three minutes from time.

Nilsson, who is now about to depart for Kaiserslautern to try his hand once again at a full-time career after an unhappy spell with PSV Eindhoven, was injured in a clash with Jürgen Groh in the 19th minute.

A little later Tommy Holmgren was hurt, but managed to stay on the pitch until half-time before giving way to substitute Glenn Schiller.

Yet despite these setbacks the Swedes kept pounding away and Hamburg, at the end, had only one real chance on which to look back. That arrived just before the interval when a shot from Jimmy Hartwig took a deflection off a defender and flew narrowly wide of Thomas Wernersson's left-hand post.

A heavy downpour throughout the match didn't make conditions easy and suited Hamburg's defensive strategy. IFK didn't find it at all easy as they probed and pushed around the edge of the Hamburg penalty box so it wasn't until the 87th minute that Tord Holmgren shot past Uli Stein after Glenn Hysen — who had a trial with Hamburg last year! — headed down a long centre.

"I was a bit lucky," said Holmgren later. "I just hit the ball. It could have gone anywhere. But I think we can win again in Hamburg."

No one believed him.

In fact speculation before the return was concerned less with the outcome, more about whether Franz Beckenbauer would play some part in the game to win the one trophy his golden touch had never transformed. Of course Hamburg would win. It was just a question of how many.

Beckenbauer was two weeks away from retirement and had only just recovered from a bruised kidney. But he had been among Hamburg's substitutes a few days earlier during the 5-0 thrashing of Werder Bremen. IFK, for their part, had Holmgren and Nilsson fit again to return while Hamburg had to make do without central defender Ditmar Jakobs, who was barred from the return after collecting a second booking in the first leg.

Hamburg's Austrian coach Ernst Happel said: "There is a possibility Beckenbauer will play. But there is often a hitch between theory and practice."

Happel never said a truer word!

Though Hamburg went out with all good intentions of grabbing the early goal which would square the tie and put them in command, it was the Swedes who played the better early football. Hamburg were too frantic and their misunderstandings and their gaps were swiftly exploited by the Swedes, who went ahead in the 26th minute.

Tommy Holmgren broke free down the left and his centre was powerfully converted into a goal by under-21 international Dan Corneliusson. Hamburg's spirit sunk, almost visibly. Hrubesch, a hat-trick hero against Bremen, was given hardly a kick at the ball up in the penalty box where it mattered.

And, as time went on, so the Swedes grew slowly more confident. Finally they made sure of their victory in the 61st minute when the outstanding Nilsson outran Magath over half the length of the pitch and sent a fine shot screaming past Stein.

Hamburg were 2-0 down, the Swedes 3-0 up on aggregate — with away goals in their favour. The Germans now needed four goals inside half an hour. But they were never in the hunt. Already disappointed fans were streaming out of the ground as IFK extended their lead even further — Stig Fredriksson converting a penalty after Nilsson (again!) had been fouled by Wehmeyer.

Franz Beckenbauer? He never appeared. Instead the celebrations at the end were reserved for the delighted IFK players, who ran a lap of honour in front of the 4,000 fans who had made the trip down from Gothenburg.

"I'm the happiest man you could imagine," said IFK coach Sven-Goran Eriksson. "I thought we might sneak it 1-0 — but never in my wildest dreams did I imagine what we could score three goals away to Hamburg."

Happel, gloomier than ever, offered no hard luck stories or excuses. The first goal was crucial in upsetting Hamburg's morale, he said, and added candidly: "in the end they could have scored four or five and it wouldn't have been too many."

Gothenburg — First Leg (May 5)
IFK Gothenburg 1 (Tord Holmgren 87)
SV Hamburg 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 42,548. **Ref:** John Carpenter (RI).

IFK: Wernersson — Sbensson, Hysen, C. Karlsson, Fredriksson — Tord Holmgren, J. Karlsson, Stroemberg — Corneliusson, Nilsson (Sandberg 19), Tommy Holmgren (Schiller 46).

Hamburg: Stein — Kaltz, Jakobs, Hieronymus, Groh — Hartwig, Wehmeyer, Magath — Von Heesen (Memering 82), Bastrup, Hrubesch.

Hamburg — Second Leg (May 19)
SV Hamburg 0
IFK Gothenburg 3 (Corneliusson 26, Nilsson 61, Fredriksson 66 pen).
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** George Courtney (Eng).

Hamburg: Stein — Kaltz (Hidien 75), Hieronymus, Groh, Wehmeyer — Hartwig, Memering, Magath, Von Heesen — Hrubesch, Bastrup.

IFK: Wernersson — Svensson, Hysen (Schiller 19), C. Karlsson, Fredriksson — Tord Holmgren, Stroemberg, J. Carlsson — Corneliusson (Sandberg 68), Nilsson, Tommy Holmgren.

IFK WIN 4-0 ON AGGREGATE

PAST WINNERS (Fairs/UEFA Cups): 1958 Barcelona. 1960 Barcelona. 1961 Roma. 1962 Valencia. 1963 Valencia. 1964 Zaragoza. 1965 Ferencvaros. 1966 Barcelona. 1967 Dynamo Zagreb. 1968 Leeds. 1969 Newcastle. 1970 Arsenal. 1971 Leeds. 1972 Tottenham. 1973 Liverpool. 1974 Feyenoord. 1975 Borrussia Moenchengladbach. 1976 Liverpool. 1977 Juventus. 1978 PSV Eindhoven. 1979 Borussia Moenchengladbach. 1980 Eintracht Frankfurt. 1981 Ipswich. 1982 IFK Gothenburg.

MOST WINS: Barcelona 3 — Borussia Moenchengladbach, Leeds, Liverpool and Valencia all two each.

World Cup Special

HOW WILL THEY FARE?

THE one certainty about any World Cup Finals is that it will produce surprises.

Think back over the history of the competition and virtually every competition saw a result — some, even, in the Final itself — which could not have been predicted.

Everyone has their own idea of the favourites and the likely outsiders. But for those who like to play the guessing game, here is an assessment of the finalists:

compiled by Keir Radnedge

ALGERIA

Managers: Rachid Mekloufi and Mahiedime Khalef.

Key players: Mehdi Cerbah (goalkeeper), Norredine Kourichi (defender), Lakhdar Belloumi (forward).

Competing in the finals for the first time. Team is built on a foundation of the experience of their French-based players, plus the attacking skill of Belloumi. Group 2 rivals: West Germany, Chile and Austria. **Prospects:** Likely to lose all three games, but not by very much.

ARGENTINA

Manager: Cesar Luis Menotti.

Key players: Ubaldo Fillol (goalkeeper), Daniel Passarella (centre-back), Osvaldo Ardiles (midfield), Ramon Diaz, Diego Maradona Maril Kempes (attack).

The defending champions, whose players have been away in a special training camp since February. Not particularly impressive in friendly matches but likely to rise to the occasion, thanks to the reliance on most of their 1978 team. Group 3 rivals: Belgium, Hungary, El Salvador. **Prospects:** A major surprise if they don't reach the last four thanks to the talent of the world's No. 1 player, Maradona.

AUSTRIA

Manager: Georg Schmidt.

Key players: Bruno Pezzey (centre-back), Herbert Prohaska (midfield), Hans Krankl, Walter Schachner (attack).

A balanced mixture of youthful ability and skilful experience. Well-organised enough not to be upset by the managerial upheavals earlier this year. Impressive friendly wins recently against Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Group 2 rivals: West Germany, Chile, Algeria. **Prospects:** Should edge Chile out of the runners-up spot and earn a second round place.

BELGIUM

Manager: Guy Thys.

Key players: Eric Gerets (right-back), Wilfried Van Moer (midfield), Jan Ceulemans (attack).

Runners-up in the 1980 European championship and the first European team to be sure of a place in the finals (apart, obviously, from Spain). Settled squad — but late problems could be Rene Vandereycken's knee injury, suffered against Bulgaria, and the failure of Juan Lozano's naturalisation plea which means he will be absent from midfield. Veteran Van Moer must again carry the weight, which might prove too much. Group 3 rivals: Argentina, Hungary, El Salvador. **Prospects:** Second round but no further.

BRAZIL

Manager: Tele Santana.

Key players: Junior (left-back), Socrates, Zico (midfield).

The favourites and past three-times winners. Brazil have spent less than their usual time in preparation, because of the demands of the Brazilian championship. But that competitive play may prove as good a warm-up. Disappointed their fans in this year's friendlies — but a further victory over West Germany was good for morale. Group 6 rivals: Russia, Scotland, New Zealand. **Prospects:** Likely winners. Anything less than a place in the Final would be a surprise.

CAMEROON

Manager: Jean Vincent.

Key players: Thomas N'Kono (goalkeeper), Jean-Pierre Tokoto (midfield), Roger Milla (attack).

Cameroon's clubs have been successful in Africa but this is the national team's first appearance in the finals. Skilful — but their organisation under pressure must be in doubt. They could finish up by taking a hammering from someone. Group 1 rivals: Italy, Poland, Peru. **Prospects:** First-round exit.

CHILE

Manager: Luis Santibanez.

Key players: Mario Osben (goalkeeper), Elias Figueroa (centre-back), Patricio Yanez, Carlos Caszely (attack).

Back in the finals for the first time since 1974. Then, as now, they came to Europe with the promise of more success than they achieved. Chile have some talented young players, but the occasion might be overwhelming. Group 2 rivals: West Germany, Austria, Algeria. **Prospects:** Likely to be edged out of a place in the second round by Austria, with West Germany winning the group.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Manager: Josef Venglos.

Key players: Jan Kozak (midfield), Zdenek Nehoda, Ladislav Vizek (attack).

Back in the finals for the first time in 12 years but with a team still built largely round the veterans. Disappointing in recent friendlies against West Germany and Austria, though they drew in South America this spring with both Brazil and Argentina. Experience could count for a lot, but in the Spanish heat that could be counter-productive. Group 4 rivals: England, France, Kuwait. **Prospects:** Likely to fall in the first round — though their third match against France will be decisive.

EL SALVADOR

Manager: Mauricio Rodriguez.

Key players: Jaime Rodriguez (defence), Jose Norberto Huezo (midfield).

Their second appearance in the finals — after 1970. At one stage their participation was in doubt because of the domestic crisis. Group 3 rivals: Argentina, Belgium, Hungary. **Prospects:** Anything other than bottom of the first-round group will be a surprise.

ENGLAND

Manager: Ron Greenwood.

Key players: Bryan Robson (midfield), Kevin Keegan (attack).

Back in the finals for the first time since 1970. Club calls and injuries have hampered preparations and the players will have had little rest after the end of a long season. Group 4 rivals: France, Czechoslovakia, Kuwait. **Prospects:** Should reach the second round; anything further will be a surprise.

HONDURAS

Manager: Jose De la Paz Herrera (Chelato Ucles — nickname).

Key players: Ramon Maradiaga, Roberto Figueroa (midfield).

In the finals for the first time, largely thanks to the fact that the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa, staged the Concacaf play-off group. Play very few full internationals but will have been strengthened by a lengthy tour in Spain last summer. Gilberto, the Valla solid defender, will be a welcome pillar — if they can obtain his release. Group 5 rivals: Spain, Yugoslavia, N. Ireland. **Prospects:** Bottom of their group.

HUNGARY

Manager: Kalman Meszöly.

Key players: Tibor Nyilasi (midfield), Andras Torocsik (attack).

Beaten lately at home by both Austria and Peru, though Hungary were seriously weakened by illness and injury against Peru. Though they finished top of the qualifying group, their form was erratic and manager Meszöly has reason to worry about what Spain may bring — particularly with memories of the 1978 clash with Argentina still in many people's minds (Hungary lost 2-1 and had two players sent off). Group 3 rivals: Argentina, Belgium, El Salvador. **Prospects:** Could go out in the first round.

ITALY

Manager: Enzo Bearzot.

Key players: Dino Zoff (goal), Gaetano Scirea (sweeper), Giancarlo Antognoni (midfield), Paolo Rossi (attack).

Beaten lately by both France and East Germany after a disappointing season in which their form collapsed even in the latter stages of their qualifying group. Paolo Rossi will have had only a few weeks to readjust after a two-year suspension; Roberto Bettega may not be fit; and Giancarlo Antognoni may not have fully recovered from the psychological effects of his skull fracture to give his best. Group 1 rivals: Poland, Peru, Cameroon. **Prospects:** Face the real threat of first round elimination.

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World Cup holders Argentina, standing left to right: Daniel Passarella, Jorge Olguin, Gabriel Calderon, Luis Galvan, Alberto Tarantini, Hector Baley; Seated: Ruben Americo Gallego, Juan Barbas, Ramon Diaz, Diego Maradona, Mario Kempes.

KUWAIT

Manager: Carlos Alberto Parreira.

Key players: Abdul Al-Anbari, Sa'ed Al-Houti (midfield), Faisal Al-Dahkil, Fatih Kamil, Jasem Yacoub (attack).

In the finals for the first time, where they could prove the best of the minnows. They have spent more than £2 million preparing for the great adventure in Spain and also carry a modest realism which could stand the team in good stead when they go out to play. Carlos Alberto won't be short on organisation or planning and Kuwait are one of the teams who could put a smile on the face of the World Cup. Group 4 rivals: England, France, Czechoslovakia. **Prospects:** Might snatch a draw along the way, although likely to finish bottom of the group.

NEW ZEALAND

Manager: John Adshead.

Key players: Steve Sumner (midfield), Steve Wooddin, Brian Turner (attack).

Travelled 60,000 miles in their campaign to qualify and played more games than anyone else — including several before huge, excitable crowds in the Far East. So they will be more used to World Cup pressure than many observers imagine. Their pragmatic style won't make it easy for any of their opponents. Group 6 rivals: Brazil, Russia, Scotland. **Prospects:** First round elimination.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Manager: Billy Bingham.

Key players: Martin O'Neill, Sammy McIlroy (midfield).

Appearing in the finals for only the second time. The previous occasion was 1958 when their spirit took them, surprisingly, to a place in the quarter-finals. Manager Bingham is a survivor from 1958 but he could be handicapped by lack of punch in attack. They scored only six goals in their eight qualifying round matches. Group 5 rivals: Spain, Yugoslavia, Honduras. **Prospects:** First round elimination.

PERU

Manager: Tim (Elba de Padua Lima).

Key players: Ramon Quiroga (goalkeeper), Cesar Cueto, Julio Uribe (midfield), Juan Carlos Oblitas, Geronimo Barbadillo (attack).

Scored exciting victories recently away to both France and Hungary and the talent of men such as Cueto and Uribe makes them a real candidate for success. Inevitably they will be labelled the 'old men' of the finals, but injury denies them the presence of ageing Hector Chumpitaz at the back and the average age of the squad is 26.9 — which means experienced, rather than veteran. Group 1 rivals: Italy, Poland, Cameroon. **Prospects:** Second round place is well within their reach.

POLAND

Manager: Antoni Piechniczek.

Key players: Wladyslaw Zmuda (defence), Zbigniew Boniek (midfield), Andrzej Szarmach, Wlodek Smolarek, Piotr Skrobowski (attack).

Third in 1974 and in the second round in 1978 — so Poland know what the modern World Cup is all about. They surprised many people with the ease of their victories at home and away over East Germany in the qualifiers and the players will have the incentive of transfers abroad to lift them in the finals. Group 1 rivals: Italy, Peru, Cameroon. **Prospects:** Second round place, though no further.

RUSSIA

Manager: Konstantin Beskov.

Key players: Alexander Chivadze (sweeper), David Kipiani (midfield), Ramas Shengelia, Oleg Blokhin (attack).

Rated by many observers as the most dangerous 'dark horses'. The Soviets have worked hard to prepare, spending several months in Spain on and off with various tours, and all their top clubs have played there in the past year. However there is a fear that they may have peaked too early. Group 6 rivals: Brazil, Scotland, New Zealand. **Prospects:** Second round place.

SCOTLAND

Manager: Jock Stein.

Key players: Graeme Souness (midfield), Kenny Dalglish (attack).

Scotland have been British football's most consistent World Cup campaigners, having appeared in both 1974 and 1978 finals. Manager Jock Stein is one of the best tacticians and organisers in the game and if Scotland fail, it won't be for want of the right approach: the question is whether they can raise their game consistently after a tiring season. Group 6 rivals: Brazil, Russia and New Zealand. **Prospects:** Unluckily drawn in the toughest group, so face the probability of first round elimination.

SPAIN

Manager: Jose Santamaria.

Key players: Luis Maria Arconada (goalkeeper), Jesus Zamora (midfield), Jesus Satrustegui (centre-forward).

It's no coincidence that Spain's three key players all come form champions Real Sociedad, where the keynote is organisation and consistency. Spain had a good season, being held by only Austria and Wales, and beating Poland and Belgium among others. The pressures will be intense but they have an experienced bunch of players, even if they look a little short on excitement. Group 5 rivals: Yugoslavia, N. Ireland, Honduras. **Prospects:** Could well succeed in both first and second rounds but, even taking host advantage into consideration, look good enough after that for only third place.

WEST GERMANY

Manager: Jupp Derwall.

Key players: Manni Kaltz (right-back), Uli Stielike (sweeper), Paul Breitner (midfield), Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (attack).

European champions and with a remarkable World Cup pedigree. Skated through their qualifying group, winning all eight games and scoring 33 goals. They have looked vulnerable since but that may not be a bad thing, because now manager Derwall can bring them back to the boil at just the right time. Injuries could be a problem: both Kaltz and Rummenigge suffered late-season injuries, Bernd Schuster is definitely out, Felix Magath has only recently returned after a knee operation and further knee trouble places a question-mark against Hansi Müller. The Germans' strength, however, is that of all the finalists, they appear the likeliest to score goals. Group 2 rivals: Austria, Chile, Algeria. **Prospects:** Likely winners — though to become the first European nation to win the World Cup three times they may well have to beat Brazil in the final.

YUGOSLAVIA

Manager: Miljan Miljanic.

Key players: Zlatko Vujovic (attack), Vladimir Petrovic (midfield).

Yugoslavia will rely heavily on their foreign-based players, and the lack of sustained warm-up programme could prove a handicap. At least in one-time Real Madrid coach Miljanic they will have no fear of help in adjusting to the conditions. Group 5 rivals: Spain, N. Ireland, Honduras. **Prospects:** Second round but no further.

Follow the World Cup progress next month

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FIXTURES, VENUES AND ROAD TO SPAIN

FIRST ROUND

Venue	Date	GROUP 1	Results
Vigo	14.6.82	Italy v Poland	___.___
Coruna	15.6.82	Peru v Cameroon	___.___
Vigo	18.6.82	Italy v Peru	___.___
Coruna	19.6.82	Poland v Cameroon	___.___
Coruna	22.6.82	Peru v Poland	___.___
Vigo	23.6.82	Italy v Cameroon	___.___

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Venue	Date	GROUP 2	Results
Gijon	16.6.82	Germany v Algeria	___.___
Oviedo	17.6.82	Chile v Austria	___.___
Gijon	20.6.82	Germany v Chile	___.___
Oviedo	21.6.82	Algeria v Austria	___.___
Oviedo	24.6.82	Algeria v Chile	___.___
Gijon	25.6.82	Germany v Austria	___.___

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Venue	Date	GROUP 3	Results
Barcelona	13.6.82	Argentina v Belgium	___.___
Elche	15.6.82	Hungary v El Salvador	___.___
Alicante	18.6.82	Argentina v Hungary	___.___
Elche	19.6.82	Belgium v El Salvador	___.___
Elche	22.6.82	Belgium v Hungary	___.___
Alicante	23.6.82	Argentina v El Salvador	___.___

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Venue	Date	GROUP 4	Results
Bilbao	16.6.82	England v France	___.___
Valladolid	17.6.82	Czech v Kuwait	___.___
Bilbao	20.6.82	England v Czech	___.___
Valladolid	21.6.82	France v Kuwait	___.___
Valladolid	24.6.82	France v Czech	___.___
Bilbao	25.6.82	England v Kuwait	___.___

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Venue	Date	GROUP 5	Results
Valencia	16.6.82	Spain v Honduras	___.___
Zaragoza	17.6.82	Yugoslavia v N. Ireland	___.___
Valencia	20.6.82	Spain v Yugoslavia	___.___
Zaragoza	21.6.82	Honduras v N. Ireland	___.___
Zaragoza	24.6.82	Honduras v Yugoslavia	___.___
Valencia	25.6.82	Spain v N. Ireland	___.___

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Venue	Date	GROUP 6	Results
Sevilla	14.6.82	Brazil v USSR	___.___
Malaga	15.6.82	Scotland v New Zealand	___.___
Sevilla	18.6.82	Brazil v Scotland	___.___
Malaga	19.6.82	USSR v New Zealand	___.___
Malaga	22.6.82	USSR v Scotland	___.___
Sevilla	23.6.82	Brazil v New Zealand	___.___

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SECOND ROUND

GROUP A — in Barcelona, Nou Camp

28.6.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
1.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
4.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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(Winners play Group C winners in Barcelona)

GROUP B — in Madrid, Bernabeu

29.6.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
2.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
5.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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(Winners play Group D winners in Seville)

GROUP C — in Barcelona, Sarna (Espanol)

29.6.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
2.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
5.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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(Winners play Group A winners in Barcelona)

GROUP D — in Madrid, Calderon

28.6.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
1.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
4.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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(Winners play Group B winners in Seville)

SEMI-FINALS

8.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
(In Barcelona, Nou Camp)

8.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
(In Seville, S. Prejuan)

THIRD PLACE MATCH

10.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
(In Alicante)

FINAL

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(In Madrid, Bernabeu)

ALICANTE
Estadio José Rico Pérez
Owners: Hercules Club de Futbol. Capacity 35,886. Built 1974.

BARCELONA
Estadio Nou Camp
Owners: FC Barcelona. Capacity 132,000. Built 1957.
Estadio Sarria/Español
Owners: RCD Español. Capacity 48,000. Built 1923.

BILBAO
Estadio San Mamés
Owners: Athletic Club de Bilbao. Capacity 46,223. Built 1913/1948.

CORUNA
Estadio La Riazor
Owners: La Coruña city council. Capacity 34 190. Built 1934.

ELCHE
Nuevo Estadio
Owners: Elche CF. Capacity 53,290. Built 1976.

GIJON
Estadio El Molinon
Owners: Gijon city council. Capacity 45,153. Built 1911.

MADRID
Estadio Santiago Bernabéu
Owners: Real Madrid Club de Futbol. Capacity 90,800. Built 1947.
Estadio Vicente Calderón
Owners: Club Atlético de Madrid. Capacity 65 695. Built 1967.

MALAGA
Estadio La Rosaleda
Owners: CD Malaga. Capacity 34,411. Built 1950.

OVIEDO
Estadio Carlos Tartiere
Owners: Oviedo city council. Capacity 28,421. Built 1950.

SEVILLE
Estadio Sánchez Pizjuán
Owners: Sevilla FC. Capacity 68,110. Built 1957.
Estadio Benito Villamarin
Owners: Real Betis Balompié. Capacity 50,253. Built 1907/1982.

VALENCIA
Estadio Luis Casanova
Owners: Valencia CF. Capacity 47,542. Built 1923.

VALLADOLID
Estadio El Prado
Owners: Valladolid city council. Capacity 29,990. Built 1982.

VIGO
Estadio Balaidos
Owners:Vigo city council. Capacity 56,790. Built 1928.

ZARAGOZA
Estadio La Romareda
Owners: Zaragoza city council. Capacity 41,806. Built 1957.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

AUTOMATIC: Argentina (holders), Spain (hosts)

EUROPE

Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	8	8	0	0	33	3	16
Austria	8	5	1	2	16	6	11
Bulgaria	8	4	1	3	11	10	9
Albania	8	1	0	7	4	22	2
Finland	8	1	0	7	4	27	2

Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	8	5	1	2	12	9	11
France	8	5	0	3	20	8	10
Rep. Ireland	8	4	2	2	17	11	10
Holland	8	4	1	3	11	7	9
Cyprus	8	0	0	8	4	29	0

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	8	6	2	0	20	2	14
Czechoslovakia	8	4	2	2	15	6	10
Wales	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Iceland	8	2	2	4	10	21	6
Turkey	8	0	0	8	1	22	0

Group 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	8	4	2	2	13	8	10
England	8	4	1	3	13	8	9
Rumania	8	2	4	2	5	5	8
Switzerland	8	2	3	3	9	12	7
Norway	8	2	2	4	8	15	6

Group 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	8	6	1	1	22	7	13
Italy	8	5	2	1	12	5	12
Denmark	8	4	0	4	14	11	8
Greece	8	3	1	4	10	13	7
Luxembourg	8	0	0	8	1	23	0

Group 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	8	4	3	1	9	4	11
N. Ireland	8	3	3	2	6	3	9
Sweden	8	3	2	3	7	8	8
Portugal	8	3	1	4	8	11	7
Israel	8	1	3	4	6	10	5

Group 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	4	4	0	0	12	2	8
East Germany	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Malta	4	0	0	4	2	15	0

AFRICA

Algeria: bt Sierra Leone 2-2, 3-1 — bt Sudan 2-0, 1-1 — bt Niger 4-0, 0-1 — bt Nigeria 2-0, 2-1.

Cameroon: bt Malawi 3-0, 1-1 — bt Zimbabwe 2-0, 0-1 — bt Zaire 0-1, 6-1 — bt Morocco 2-0, 2-1.

SOUTH AMERICA

Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	4	4	0	0	11	2	8
Bolivia	4	1	0	3	5	6	2
Venezuela	4	1	0	3	1	9	2

Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peru	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Uruguay	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Colombia	4	0	2	2	4	7	2

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chile	4	3	1	0	6	0	7
Ecuador	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
Paraguay	4	1	0	3	3	6	2

NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

Play-off group

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras	5	3	2	0	8	1	8
El Salvador	5	2	2	1	2	1	6
Canada	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
Mexico	5	1	3	1	6	3	5
Cuba	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Haiti	5	0	2	3	2	9	2

ASIA/OCEANIA

Play-off group

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kuwait	6	4	1	1	8	6	9
New Zealand	6	2	3	1	11	6	7
China	6	3	1	2	9	4	7
Saudi Arabia	6	0	1	5	4	16	1

Play-off: New Zealand beat China 2-1 (In Singapore)

ALL THE WORLD CUP FINALS

1930 — Montevideo, URUGUAY
URUGUAY 4, ARGENTINA 2 (1-2)

Uruguay: Ballesteros; Nasazzi (Capt.), Mascheroni; Andrade, Fernandez, Gestido; Dorado, Scarone, Castro, Cea, Iriarte.

Argentina: Botasso; Della Torre, Paternoster; Evaristo (J), Monti, Suarez; Peucelle, Varallo, Stabile, Ferreira (Capt.), Evaristo (M.).

Referee: Langenus (Belgium).

Scorers: Dorado, Cea, Iriarte, Castro for Uruguay, Peucelle, Stabile for Argentina.

Top scorer: Stabile (Argentina) 8.

1934 — Rome, ITALY
ITALY 2, CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1 (0-0), (1-1)
After Extra Time

Italy: Combi (Capt.); Monzeglio, Allemandi; Ferraris IV, Monti, Bertolini; Guaita, Meazza, Schiavio, Ferrari, Orsi.

Czechoslovakia: Planicka (Capt.); Zenisek, Ctyroky; Kostalek, Cambal, Krcil; Junek, Svoboda, Sobotka, Nejedly, Puc.

Referee: Eklind (Sweden).

Scorers: Puc for Czechoslovakia, Orsi, Schiavio for Italy.

Third place: Germany 3, Austria 2.

Top scorers: Schiavio (Italy), Nejedly (Czechoslovakia), Conen (Germany) all 4.

1938 — Paris, FRANCE
ITALY 4, HUNGARY 2 (3-1)

Italy: Olivieri; Foni, Rava; Serantoni, Andreolo, Locatelli; Biavati, Meazza (Capt.), Piola, Ferrari, Colaussi.

Hungary: Szabo; Polgar, Biro, Szalay, Szucs, Lazar; Sas, Vincze, Sarosi (Capt.), Szengeller, Titkos.

Referee: Capdeville (France).

Scorers: Colaussi (2), Piola (2) for Italy, Titkos, Sarosi for Hungary.

Third place: Brazil 4, Sweden 2.

Top scorer: Leonidas (Brazil) 8.

1950 — Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL
URUGUAY 2, BRAZIL 1 (0-0)

Uruguay: Maspoli; Gonzales (M.), Tejera; Gambetta, Varela (Capt.), Andrade; Ghiggia, Perez, Miguez, Schiaffino, Moran.

Brazil: Barbosa; Augusto (Capt.), Juvenal; Bauer, Danilo, Bigode; Friaca, Zizinho, Ademir, Jair, Chico.

Referee: Reader (England).

Scorers: Friaca for Brazil, Schiaffino, Ghiggia for Uruguay.

Third place: Sweden (on points system).

Top scorer: Ademir (Brazil) 7.

1954 — Berne, SWITZERLAND
W. GERMANY 3, HUNGARY 2 (2-2)

W. Germany: Turek; Posipal, Kohlmeyer; Eckel, Liebrich, Mai; Rahn, Morlock, Walter (O.), Walter (F.) (Capt.), Schaefer.

Hungary: Grosics; Buzansky, Lantos; Boszik, Lorant, Zakarias; Czibor, Kocsis, Hidegkuti, Puskas (Capt.), Toth (J.).

Referee: Ling (England).

Scorers: Puskas, Czibor for Hungary, Morlock, Rahn (2) for W. Germany.

Third place: Austria 3, Uruguay 1.

Top scorer: Kocsis (Hungary) 11.

1958 — Stockholm, SWEDEN
BRAZIL 5, SWEDEN 2 (2-1)

Brazil: Gilmar; D. Santos, N. Santos; Zito, Bellini, Orlando; Garrincha, Didi, Vava, Pele, Zagalo.

Sweden: Svensson; Bergmark, Axbom; Boerjesson, Gustavsson, Parling; Hamrin, Gren, Simonsson, Liedholm, Shoglund.

Scorers: Vava (2), Pele (2), Zagalo for Brazil; Liedholm, Simonsson.

Third place: France 6, W. Germany 3.

Top scorers: Fontaine (France) 13, record.

1962 — Santiago, CHILE
BRAZIL 3, CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1 (1-1)

Brazil: Gilmar; D. Santos, Mauro, Zozimo, N. Santos; Zito, Didi; Garrincha, Vavá, Amarildo, Zagalo.

Czechoslovakia: Schroiff; Tichy, Novak; Pluskal, Popluhar, Masopust; Pospichal, Scherer, Kvasniak, Kadraba, Jelinek.

Scorers: Amarildo, Zito, Vavá for Brazil; Masopust for Czechoslovakia.

Third place: Chile 1, Yugoslavia 0.

Top Scorers: Albert (Hungary), Ivanov (Russia), L. Sanchez (Chile), Garrincha, Vavá (Brazil) Jerkovic (Yugoslavia) all 4.

1966 — Wembley, ENGLAND
ENGLAND 4, W. GERMANY 2 (1-1), (2-2)
After Extra Time

England: Banks; Cohen, Wilson, Stiles, J. Charlton, Moore; Ball, Hurst, Hunt, R. Charlton, Peters.

West Germany: Tilkowski; Hottges, Schulz, Weber, Schnellinger; Haller, Beckenbauer, Overath; Seeler, Held, Emmerich.

Scorers: Hurst (3), Peters for England; Haller, Weber for West Germany.

Third place: Portugal 2, Russia 1

Top scorer: Eusebio (Portugal) 9.

1970 — Mexico City, MEXICO
BRAZIL 4, ITALY 1 (1-1)

Brazil: Felix; Carlos Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo; Clodoaldo, Gerson; Jairzinho, Tostao, Pele, Rivelino.

Italy: Albertosi; Burgnich, Cera, Rosato, Facchetti; Bertini (Juliano), Domenghini, Mazzola, De Sisti; Boninsegna (Rivera), Riva.

Scorers: Pele, Gerson, Jairzinho, Carlos Alberto for Brazil; Boninsegna for Italy.

Third place: W. Germany 1, Uruguay 0.

Top scorer: G. Müller (W. Germany) 10.

1974 — Munich, W. GERMANY
W. GERMANY 2, HOLLAND 1 (2-1)

W. Germany: Maier; Vogts, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Breitner; Bonhof, Hoeness, Overath; Grabowski, Müller, Hölzenbein.

Holland: Jongbloed; Suurbier, Rijsbergen (De Jong), Haan, Krol; Jansen, Van Hanegem, Neeskens; Rep, Cruyff, Rensenbrink (R. Van der Kerkhof).

Scorers: Breitner (pen), Müller for W. Germany; Neeskens (pen) for Holland.

Third place: Poland 1, Brazil 0.

Top scorer: Lato (Poland) 7.

1978 — Beunos Aires, ARGENTINA
ARGENTINA 3, HOLLAND 1 (1-0), (1-1)
After Extra Time

Argentina: Fillol; Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini; Ardiles (Larrosa 65), Gallego, Kempes; Bertoni, Luque, Ortiz (Houseman 74).

Holland: Jongbloed; Jansen (Suurbier 73), Brandts, Krol, Poortvliet; W. Van der Kerkhof, Neeskens, Haan; R. Van der Kerkhof, Rep (Nanninga 59), Rensenbrink.

Scorers: Kempes 2, Bertoni for Argentina; Nanninga for Holland.

Third place: Brazil 2, Italy 1.

Top scorer: Kempes (Argentina) 6.

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THE KEY

DIEGO MARADONA is the world's No. 1 footballer. But that glowing reputation has never been put to the test in World Cup football . . . until now.

Maradona was Argentina's youngest ever international when he made his debut against Hungary in Buenos Aires in 1977 at the age of 16 and four months. He is still the youngest squad member today . . . but now he is also the most important.

Although Menotti dropped him from the 1978 World Cup squad at the last moment — against the opinion of many — because of his "lack of experience", the young insider has since matured. But he is a marked man on and off the soccer field.

Under constant pressure from the press and foreign clubs, who have made fabulous world record transfer offers for him, the subject of a world record loan transfer (2.6 million dollars for 12 months) at home from Argentinos Juniors to Boca Juniors and now involved in a court case between the two clubs over the "option to buy" clause — he has not shown his best form lately.

This is also because in every match he is the man to mark and he finds it tough to get away from his markers. When he does, his genius generally produces a goal, but occasions seem to be getting fewer and fewer after he had been leading goal scorer in five successive domestic championships.

Diego Maradona

Maradona could also reach saturation point at the wrong time. To raise money, Boca have had to play him in frequent friendly matches and put him into the team when he was not fully fit. They also went on an extensive close season tour and, taking into account the "Mundialito" played in Uruguay during the previous close season, Maradona has not had a real rest from soccer for two and a half years.

Menotti says of him: "Maradona is 100 metres ahead of any rival but only when he is 100 per cent fit. If that is not the case, he is just a good player, but never what he should be. During the World Cup, I don't just want him to shine in flashes, but to be at it for the 90 minutes and never leave the team with 10 men in spite of the close marking and persecution he will have to put up with. For this he will have to be physically and mentally prepared."

Asked how he was going to use the player, Menotti said: "Maradona will have to be all over the field, so when necessary, he'll have to look for the ball in defence or receive it to organise play."

Nevertheless, Menotti's best option might be to play him in attack, as near the penalty box as possible. Maradona may be an outstanding midfielder who has made as many goals as he has scored, but the ways of modern soccer have made him the man to be stopped at all costs. If he tries to take the ball up from the back, he is sure to be met on the way by a succession of opponents intent on taking the ball off him or at least stopping him at all costs.

If, however, he plays well up as near as possible to the penalty box, Argentina may lose a midfield "constructor" — of whom there are quite a few in the squad — but would gain a dangerous scorer of which there do not seem to be any.

If Maradona receives the ball near the area, even if not often, the chances are he would get past one man (as he usually does) and probably arrive inside the penalty box. There he might be in a shooting position or if he has to get past another man who brings him down, it would be a penalty. If the man doesn't bring him down, chances are it would be a goal. If that happens at least three times in the match — and it should happen more frequently — it would be enough to win . . . And if Maradona is completely surrounded by defenders cutting off the ball from him, it will ease the way for the others to get through.

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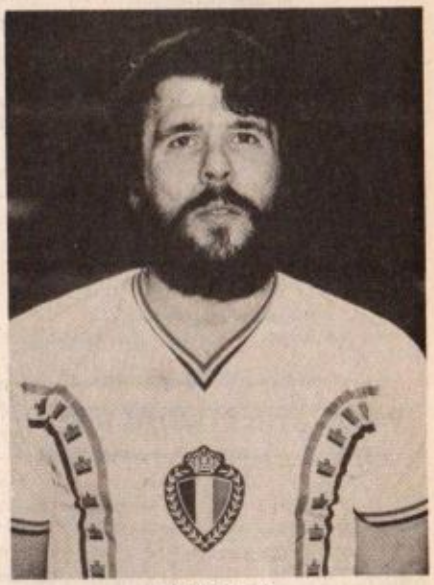
BELGIUM believe team work and understanding between players can carry them towards World Cup success in Spain. But they fear a second group clash with the Brazilians. And that could force Guy Thys's side back to the bad old habits of the European championship when accusations of dreary, defensive football flew around.

Full-back Eric Gerets, who has had an immensely successful season with Standard Liege, feels there was some truth in the criticisms.

"We did concentrate perhaps too much on defence in Italy," he says. "We could not play the same way as teams such as the English because we are not strong enough physically. And, of course, we do not have the natural talent of the Brazilians, so maybe we were cautious.

"But perhaps we were a little bit smarter then the English. We caught them offside a great deal and although I accept it was not so pretty for the spectators, it was successful.

"But now I feel that with the understanding we have among the players, we shall not be defensive-minded in Spain. We shall play three players up front, against two in Italy.



Eric Gerets

When we did not have the ball in Italy, all the team played behind the ball and five or six players broke out when we had possession. But it will be different this summer. Anyway, I do not think it was entirely defensive. It was not as bad as sides like Anderlecht in the Belgian League this season."

Gerets says that Belgian squad training sessions are more like a meeting of old friends. "We look forward to getting together to see one another again," he says. "It shows the spirit and the friendship we have in the squad and that is important.

"Apart from Wilfried Van Moer, we do not have individual names such as Keegan and Hoddle of England, Dalglish and Souness of Scotland, Platini of France and Kempes, Maradona and Passarella of Argentina.

"But we have something else many other teams lack — a close understanding of each other's play and that will help us a lot in these Finals. After two or three years of playing together, we know just what each player will do in a situation, whereas teams such as England were still experimenting with seven weeks left before the finals. We feel that is a big advantage."

While other teams search for their best line-up, the Belgians aim to exploit obvious weakness on understanding among their opponents. Gerets feels Hungary may join El Salvador as the nations to fall in group three.

"It will not be easy for Belgium because the Hungarians have some good technical players. But they are an older team and physically, I do not think they are able to make so many problems for us.

"Argentina will be hard, of course. If we meet them or the Brazilians (assuming we qualify from the first group), we cannot say we have greater skills."

So he warns: "You cannot play open football against sides like Brazil — that would be suicide. But despite what some

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people say about the South Americans, I do not feel they will necessarily win the World Cup. West Germany could win the Cup, for they are a very good side. Russia could do well, too, but I feel the Germans will be hard to beat in any match."

Almost 28, Gerets captained Standard to the Belgian Championship and to the Cup-winners' Cup Final. If Belgium do well in Spain, it would complete a great 10 months for this strong, likeable man, who has done so much for Belgian football this season.

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ARGENTINA'S 43-year-old chain-smoking manager/coach, Cesar Luis Menotti, has been in charge of the national team on a regular basis much longer than any of his predecessors — since October, 1974, although he says that when his contract expires at the end of this year he will not renew it.

(Guillermo Stabile had been in charge of the national team for a longer period in the 40s and 50s, but never on a regular contract basis.)

Menotti is also the first coach in Argentina who, with the FA's full backing, has been able to take players from their clubs for lengthy national team training — for four months again this year — which makes him the envy of coaches the world over.

Luis Cesar Menotti

A former half with several Argentine clubs as well as Santos (Brazil), and the New York Generals, he started coaching in 1970 and took Huracan to their only first division title in 1973 with the kind of attractive soccer not been seen in Argentine club soccer since.

He is a great believer in attractive and clean attacking soccer, but has been criticised for sticking to certain players even if they are not the best in their position. But he has done this, because he found in them the right character to fit into his group. For the same reason he has made as few changes as possible in the squad which has helped him to build up a personal relationship with his players such as other national team coaches probably do not enjoy.

Menotti will be paid the equivalent of 66,000 dollars plus match bonuses ranging from 1,500 to 3,600 dollars by the FA. He also gets fixed sums from two sports clothes firms (Puma and Ellesse) and has commercial contracts with Shell and a publishing firm who edit the country's leading sports magazine.

A fan recently sent him a box with implements to shine shoes on the street "in case he failed to retain the World Cup in Spain". Menotti is quietly confident, but he kept the box in his office all the same.

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TELE SANTANA, 51, a former winger with Rio clubs Fluminense and Vasco da Gama (since 1951) and coach of several Brazilian clubs since 1967 (with whom he won a few championships) became Brazil's national team coach in 1979 although he said at the time: "Being Brazil's national team coach is a good way of growing old quickly and you have little chance of success, because for Brazil even second place is defeat.

Well known for his attacking tactics and discipline, he immediately set about implementing both, doing away with the rigid tactics which tied down Brazil's always excellent ball players during the 1978 World Cup finals when they were third and considered a failure. In other words, he brought the joy back into Brazilian soccer both for the players (who never liked being tied down to tactics) and the fans who always want to see their team attack. But he does admit: "Brazil will have to suffer goals against them in Spain, but a team which goes out to attack must accept this and we'll score more goals than the opposition."

Tele Santana also hates rough soccer and he has excluded several star players from his line-ups or simply not picked others with a history of rough play in the leagues where violence is unfortunately on the upgrade in Brazil. Under him the Brazilian team has played 29 matches, winning 21 and losing only two and scoring 65 goals — an average of over 2.2 per game — against 17 (0.51).

He says: "The perfect team does not exist, or if it does, I've never seen it. If we find only one defect, that's good. One defensive error, when they score against us, is almost normal. If it weren't like that we wouldn't have to play. We'd be champions of everything and win all our matches. I don't want perfection, but simply that Brazil plays good football with good physical preparation and understanding.

Tele Santana

"I never considered myself a star," he said, referring to his playing days, "but I played hard for the full 90 minutes in all matches." And the first thing he said to his players when he took over in 1979 was: "Pele was a star. If we could have 11 such stars, so much the better, but they have to be players who work hard all the time. We will be working hard to win the title and we hope to win."

But Tele Santana surprisingly has a high regard for Yugoslavia. "If we reach the final, we expect to meet either West Germany, Spain or Yugoslavia as, according to the structure of this championship, we would have to eliminate other favourites such as Argentina, Belgium or the Soviet Union on the way."

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CURRENT European Footballer of the Year, captain of West Germany . . . all that and much more adds up to make "Kalle" Rummenigge the most coveted of European players.

But whatever heights he reaches in Spain it's unlikely that anyone will be able to tempt him away from Bavaria and the Bayern club where he rose to stardom after joining them for just £4,000 from Lippstadt in 1974.

Barcelona once offered £5 million for Rummenigge. But he says: "I can't live far away from Munich. Money for me is not important."

Instead, what matters now is the World Cup. Rummenigge says: "In Spain we are

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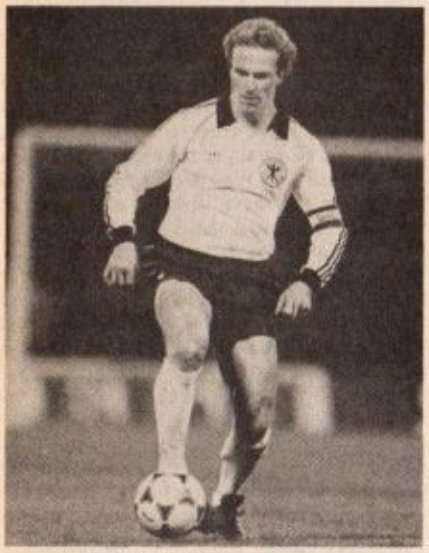

Karl Heinz Rummenigge

the favourites, with Brazil and Argentina as our most dangerous opponents. Spain and England are outsiders. English football is very spectacular, I like it very much. I believe England could provide a surprise."

Dedication is the secret to Rummenigge's success. He says: "Football gives me everything I like so I've dedicated my life to it. I have trained for 10 very hard years. I don't drink any alcohol and I never smoke. By the way, my favourite drink is English tea. I drink seven to eight cups daily."

The superstar from Bayern who is already the father of one son, aged three, and whose wife is expecting their second child, is involved with various businesses: insurance, advertising, photography etc. The president of the German Federation disagreed with the idea of Rummenigge cashing in on a newspaper offer during the World Cup. But Rummenigge says: "I'm going to get £35,000 just for a little work. Why not? It won't affect my performance in the game. I can't understand the president's attitude. We are professional footballers and have the right to give our opinions and impressions of an event. Anyway, the contract is signed and sealed and he can't do anything to change it."

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JESUS MARIA ZAMORA ANSORENA — known generally as Zamora — is the skilled midfield general to whom hosts Spain will look for guidance in the World Cup finals.

Zamora, 27 on new year's day, has sometimes been underrated by opponents but, as England will recall, from Spain's Wembley win more than a year ago, teams do that at their peril.

He began with a famous San Sebastian youth team called Don Bosco, then graduated to Sanse, the affiliated third division team controlled by Real Sociedad. Zamora had been there only 18 months when the Real boss, Rafa Elizondo, decided that here was a major talent worth pushing straight into the first division.

So at 20 Zamora made his league debut in a 2-0 away defeat by Malaga. Having already completed his national service — a hitch which often causes problems in the careers of youth Spanish players — Zamora was free to dedicate himself to a career in football, far from factory where his father worked and the industrial engineering in which his elder brother specialises.

Zamora played nine games in 1974-75 and has been a regular ever since. Nicknamed 'poker-face,' he also loves tennis — which has caused problems at Real because several times he was ruled out because of muscle injuries suffered on the hard courts.

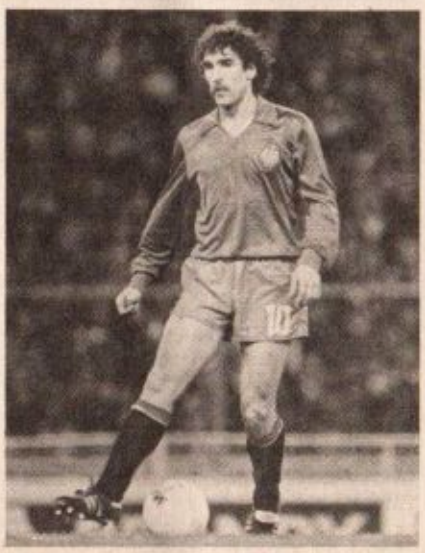
Before the 1978 World Cup Zamora was on the fringe of the squad. But he wasn't chosen for the Argentina trip, only becoming a national team regular in 1979. He was outstanding during the 1980 European championship finals in Italy and now totals 25 full internationals.

In both 1981 and this year Zamora's skill and organising influence has been a key factor in Real Sociedad's league title triumphs — and last year it was his goal, 20 seconds from the end of the season's last game, against Gijon — which edged Real to the crown.

Record fee

Barcelona, Real Madrid and Valencia have all seen offers for Zamora rejected. The Barcelona bid, two years ago, would have created a domestic record fee of £1.1 million.

The only regret which Zamora harbours as he approaches the World Cup is this: "I just wish San Sebastian was to be one of the venues. The council officials made a great mistake when they decided to stay outside."



Jesus Zamora

ZICO — Arthur Antunes Coimbra — is Brazil's highest paid and best player (with a reported salary of £14,000 a month at Flamengo) and at 29 he is also expected to be the oldest when the squad is picked. This is likely to be his last World Cup and he is fully conscious of his responsibility and of what the fans expect of him. But, he says, he is not a team on his own as many make him out to be.

Zico

"Brazil did not play well in the 1978 World Cup and nor did I, which is only natural, because I am a team man and depend on the success of the rest of the team for my own success," he says.

But Zico's speed, know-how in eluding markers and lightning reaction in front of goal and his ability to score from free-kicks have made him Brazil's top scorer — 49 goals on 69 international appearances which also make him the country's most capped current player. But although he is the man on whom the team relies most for goals, he is really a creative midfielder who works hard all over the field to make the openings, as well as helping his defence when necessary. In other words, he does it all and most of the plays go through him. With excellent ball control and precision passing he makes as many goals as he scores and is one of the most dedicated professionals.

Zico started playing in the junior teams of Rio's Flamengo, the only club he has ever played for, when he was 15. He comes from a family of soccer professionals, but his coaches thought that he was too fragile — weighing only 37 kilos at the time — to make the grade. A rigorous diet, exercises and weight-lifting eventually built up his strength and the results are there for all to see . . . and the opposition to fear.

Zico is at his best when not tied down by any rigorous system — as with Flamengo — and he blames Brazil's and his own failure in 1978 on rigorous systems applied by coach Claudio Coutinho at the time. That is why he thinks that this time, under Tele Santana's more liberal tactics, it will be different.

MEN

THE GREATEST goalkeeper of all time — that's Dino Zoff according to one of the men who should know, West Germany's 1974 World Cup-winner, Sepp Maier.

The one-time Bayern Munich star made his judgment as a tribute to Zoff to mark the Italian captain's 40th birthday.

Now the Juventus star is well on the way towards his 100th international appearance during the World Cup finals. The 1-0 defeat by East Germany in Leipzig recently was Zoff's 98th game.

Zoff says he intends carrying on but in the meantime here are his achievements so far:

Italian League games: 614 (540 in Div. 1: he has not missed a league game since joining Juventus in the summer of 1972). Records: 1,143 minutes in goal for Italy between Sept 20, 1972 and June 15, 1974 . . . 903 minutes in goal for Juventus between Dec 3, 1972 and Feb 18, 1973.

Appearances

Penalties: Zoff has saved 18 of the 58 taken against him.

Longevity: At the time of his 40th birthday on February 28 he was third in the all-time first division appearances lists in Italy — behind Silvio Piola (566) and Enrico Albertosi (532). Since then he has overtaken Albertosi.

Trophies: Zoff has won the Italian league six times with Juventus, the Italian Cup once, the UEFA Cup once and the European Nations' championship (in 1968 while with Napoli).

Dino Zoff

Awards: Runner-up to European Footballer of the Year Johan Cruyff in 1973.

Debuts: Zoff played his first Div. 1 game for Udinese in a 5-2 defeat away to Fiorentina on Sept 24, 1961 . . . he played his first senior international on April 20, 1968, in Italy's 2-0 win over Bulgaria in a European Nations' quarter final.

DOMINIQUE ROCHETEAU leads the French attack in Spain aware that it has been only this season for Paris St Germain and France that he has shown the illuminating skills glimpsed for St Etienne in the 1976 European Cup Final.

As a striker he has been certainly the most talented in France, possibly one of the most gifted in Europe, a player whose capacity to transform matches in this summer's World Cup would be even more likely but for a proneness to injury.

Like Michel Platini, Rocheteau is a player who at his best has a technical capacity beyond anything any current England player can achieve. When he played in the 1976 European Cup Final he came on only for the last seven minutes with St Etienne trailing 1-0 but his piercing dribbles, opening chasms in the Bayern defence, showed how much the French would have benefited if his injured thigh had permitted him to play all 90 minutes.

Equally, if his touch is awry, he can become as anonymous as a linesman. Spectators who saw Platini against Ipswich in the UEFA Cup last season would not have recognised him against Italy in February just as Rocheteau has himself been as unpredictable as the English weather. Now 27 he prefers to be the central striker but for France will almost certainly be on the right-wing because of the presence in the middle of another former St Etienne (and now Bordeaux) player Bernard Lacombe.

He makes little secret of his preference for his club position. "My game is based on energy, on excellent physical condition. I have a habit of playing very close to my opponents so proving my mobility. By becoming a central striker I can express my qualities in greater variety," he says.

This he has been able to do with Paris St Germain whom he joined in 1980 after an unsettled career with St Etienne ("A club who have brought much to French football but perhaps they lack some sentiment"). He played in both League and Cup-winning teams and in 1978-79 was the joint fourth-highest scorer in the French League.

But St Etienne's defeat in the UEFA Cup quarter finals the following season against Borussia Mönchengladbach rebounded on Rocheteau although he was only one of several criticised for inadequacy. With both Holland's Johnny Rep and Platini himself, who usually appears in midfield, and several others playing in the centre, Rocheteau was confined to the right-wing where he felt restricted.

"People have often said I left St Etienne because they didn't want me any more. This is not true. I left because I felt I had then developed as a man but also as a professional player, as a more mature team member. But I was blocked on the right-wing where I was no longer able to express myself as I wanted."

With Paris St Germain the close skill, turning and sharpness of Rocheteau complemented the tall athletic Africans Saar Boubacar and Nambatingue Toko either side of him — and this season of Yugoslav Ivo Surjak.

Rocheteau's presence in the French team since his debut against Iceland in 1975 has also not been permanent, injuries and lack of form, causing him to miss many games. But he did score the first goals in France's decisive qualifying matches for the 1978 and 1982 World Cups (against Bulgaria in 1977 and Cyprus in 1981). He also played in two of his country's games in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina — but he believes that the team will be even more formidable in Spain.

"The side has become more experienced. We have matured. We will no longer commit the same errors. In 1978 it was like a big family outing. Personally I don't have particularly fond memories of it. As far as I was concerned I only took part in one real match — against Argentina. By the time of the game against Hungary we were already eliminated. We were tired from a championship which had just finished. This year it will be different. We will be able to recuperate and so better prepare our World Cup. There will be no super teams, apart perhaps from Brazil and West Germany. Spain and Argentina will have something to say but they don't impress me."

After Spain his future is uncertain. As I write his contract has not been settled for next season. He says he is likely either to stay with Paris St Germain or to go to the United States. But Rocheteau, a lover of Californian music and life-style, would still remain in the minds and hearts of French football followers for a long time.

And if he successfully concentrates his talent at the World Cup the admiration and incentive from the French may delay any move until his unquestioned ability has all but evaporated.

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamburg	32	18	10	4	89	39	46
Koln	32	18	8	6	65	30	44
Bayern München	31	19	3	9	73	49	41
Dortmund	32	17	5	10	56	35	39
Kaiserslautern	32	14	10	8	64	57	38
Mönchengladbach	32	14	9	9	55	50	37
Bremen	31	14	8	9	50	49	36
Frankfurt	32	16	2	14	77	68	34
Stuttgart	32	13	8	11	57	48	34
Braunschweig	32	14	3	15	55	58	31
Bochum	32	11	8	13	47	47	30
Bielefeld	32	12	6	14	43	44	30
Nürnberg	32	10	6	16	49	70	26
Karlsruhe	32	9	7	16	45	63	25
Düsseldorf	32	6	12	14	44	68	24
Leverkusen	32	8	6	18	42	71	22
Darmstadt	32	5	10	17	42	73	21
Duisburg	32	7	3	22	37	71	17

YUGOSLAVIA — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dinamo	34	20	9	5	67	32	49
Roter Stern	34	17	10	7	65	40	44
Hajduk	34	17	10	7	53	32	44
Sarajevo	34	16	7	11	57	54	39
Zeljeznicar	34	16	6	12	52	38	38
Partizan	34	14	9	11	42	28	37
Velez	34	13	10	11	49	40	36
Buducnost	34	13	8	13	47	44	34
Olimpija	34	9	15	10	39	38	33
Vojvodina	34	12	8	14	48	48	32
Radnicki	34	12	8	14	37	44	32
Rijeka	34	11	10	13	40	54	32
Sloboda	34	9	13	12	36	44	31
Vardar	34	12	6	16	43	42	30
OFK Belgrad	34	9	12	13	33	43	30
Osijek	34	9	11	14	37	39	29
Teteks	34	8	7	19	32	68	23
FC Zagreb	34	7	5	22	27	70	19

POLAND — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widzew Lodz	30	14	11	5	45	31	39
Slask	30	16	7	7	40	22	39
Stal Mielec	30	11	13	6	33	26	35
Legia	30	11	13	6	39	29	35
Gornik	30	13	7	10	35	27	33
Pogon	30	13	7	10	44	43	33
Gwardia	30	12	8	10	36	34	32
Wisla	30	9	11	10	41	32	29
Zaglebie	30	8	13	9	24	30	29
Szombierki	30	10	8	12	38	30	28
Lech	30	11	6	13	25	25	28
LKS	30	12	4	14	30	39	28
Baltyk	30	9	8	13	24	36	26
Ruch	30	9	7	14	29	35	25
Arka	30	7	8	15	16	37	22
Motor	30	6	7	17	34	57	19

The World Cup Finalists

UNCERTAINTY FROM 'HAMLET'

by Brian Glanville

CONFUSION, uncertainty and indecision have left England in a poor plight for the ensuing World Cup, in which they meet France, the Czechs and Kuwait in the first round.

Ron Greenwood's almost Hamlet like inability to make up his mind has ensured that the whole is most unlikely to be greater than the parts.

Given the lack of truly talented players, it was logical to hope and suppose that they would be made up for by having an integrated team, relying on its understanding and morale; but as we all know, it hasn't happened. Nevertheless, I give England a slightly better than even chance of qualifying for the second round, even if it would be over sanguine to predict any further progress.

Tactically, Greenwood's approach has been an astonishing mess. One moment it is 4-4-2, the next we are playing with a sweeper, then back again to a kind of 4-2-4 — in Bilbao — to be followed in Cardiff with a virtual 4-3-3; unless you regard the disappointing Tony Morley, neither fish nor fowl that night, as one of the midfield players.

It is awfully hard for players to adapt like this from match to match, and it has been made harder by the fact that Greenwood a) tends to hang on to obsolete or obsolescent figures such as Phil Neal and Terry McDermott, b) simply cannot nerve himself to persevere with players, such as Cyrille Regis, to whom he is supposed to be giving a decent chance; while all the while publicly maintaining that he cannot be guided merely by current club form. What other earthly reason was there for leaving Cyrille Regis out of the original line-up in Cardiff in favour of Withe, a player who had been tried and apparently found wanting? And when Regis did come on, it was in a duplicating tandem with Withe himself, hauling Trevor Francis off the field.

Centre-backs

What poor Greenwood, much helped now by the sturdily efficient Don Howe, cannot possibly do is make bricks without straw, silk purses out of sow's ears; centre-backs where they do not exist. In Cardiff, on a dreadful pitch against an abrasive, mediocre team, things did go a little better; though when Ian Rush turned on the pace at last in the second half, it was notable how Phil Thompson and company struggled. In Bilbao, Rocheteau of France will have much better support than even Rush got in Cardiff.

But for all Thompson's shortcomings, it was his return which steadied the English defence in Budapest last summer, and there is really no player around with a better claim to play in the World Cup. Terry Butcher has shown splendid courage in fighting his way back after that horrible nasal injury. Is he good enough?

To be frank, I have never thought so, finding him erratic, a hooker and slicer, and if I revised my opinion at all at Cardiff it was only to the effect that he looked rather better than some of the others who have lately played in the position. In the first half, he managed surprisingly, and perhaps to his own surprise, to deliver one glorious through ball in the first half; which, perhaps over encouraged by success, he followed with a series of careless passes, one or two of which nearly led to trouble.

Still I tend to prefer Butcher to the ageing Watson, whom it would surely not be fair to play, to the muscular but distinctly passable — on the ground — Foster, and to Butcher's own exuberant but idiosyncratic club colleague, Russell Osman.

Finding the England right-back is rather like finding the Holy Grail or the Lost Tribe of Israel. But to persist with Phil Neal is simply silly. He had a perfectly dreadful game in Oslo when his blatant fouls were the measure of his frustration; and when Mike England belatedly brought on Leighton James to run at him in the second half, he was up to his old tricks.

Brendan Batson is probably the best English right-back I have seen this season, even if he does come from the Windward Islands. Steve Perryman's problem of pace working against him as a suitable candidate, despite his excellent season. But why in the name of all that is logical did Greenwood bring in McDermott, another failure in Oslo, who wasn't even considered good enough the previous Saturday to play for Liverpool at Southampton, where they kept him on the bench?

Glenn Hoddle remains alas somewhat enigmatic. He didn't play badly in Cardiff, but nor did he truly exert his authority in midfield. The previous Wednesday in Barcelona I had watched him play a most disappointing game, after which his manager, Keith Burkinshaw's, attempt to excuse him on the grounds of close man to man marking rang somewhat hollow.

He should surely be used to that by now. My own impression was that Hoddle was very tired; and who, after a season such as this, could blame him? In Wales, the absence of the overrated, confusing Kevin Keegan gave him a chance to show rather more than he did.

I cannot subscribe to the ridiculous theory that Keegan is even a Good Thing for England, now, let alone their only player of supposed world class, sticking to my view that he diminished the performance of other players, had a wretched game of it in Oslo, was feeble in the last Nations Cup, and invariably bites off more than he can chew. To vary the metaphor, he is now neither fish nor fowl.

Trevor Francis struck the goal in Cardiff beautifully; and the post. He'd always be in my team, because he is one of England's few players of undeniable quality, capable of scoring goals at any level.

Regis would be my other strike forward and I would use Coppell as the deep lying winger, capable of operating on either flank; but not as deep, if you please, as he is obliged to operate when Neal is there, and in need of care and protection.

Trevor Brooking, who didn't play in Cardiff, retains a very strong claim to a place in the midfield; but again, where was he in Cardiff? Is he to be, as the Americans say, a "starter" in Spain, or is he not? He plays, after all, a very different game from Hoddle, who needs strikers who won't come back demanding the ball to feet, and who will chase his inspired long passes; when he makes them. Awfully hard to fit into this England team.

Kenny Sansom began badly in Cardiff, twice giving the ball away in embarrassing circumstances; but later on he played exceedingly well, at last coming forward in attack as we know he can, but as he so seldom does for Arsenal. Statham's challenge seems to have faded, and there is no obvious contestant for his position.

In goal, Clemence's many slippery errors should have consigned him to the back of the queue of three and consolidated Peter Shilton's position, though I myself would be just as happy with big Joe Corrigan, who seems to get better and better as he grows older, and who made an exceptionally fine save at Cardiff in the second half from Ian Rush.

That evening, Bryan Robson's performance was quite outstanding; while that of his Manchester United colleague, Ray Wilkins, was largely pedestrian, though he did begin to cross the halfway line more often during the second half. Robson is at his best a truly modern footballer, a fine tackler, fast, fit and aware, admirably able to go forward in attack, as he so frequently did during the first half. He will be a trump card in Spain, and it would not surprise me to see him play on Michel Platini in the vital opening game.

The Czechs are difficult to predict. They made an excellent tour of South America — like everybody else — but the present team is growing old in key positions, it hasn't got the massive Ondrus to shore up and inspire the defence, it hasn't the penetration in attack the younger Masney and Nehoda gave it in 1976, and altogether I feel sceptical about its ability to create and attack, as opposed to defend and endure. Which is not to say that I think England will start favourites against them; a grim draw seems a highly likely result.

Why there should be so few centre-halves about in the Football League remains a peculiar puzzle. After all, Arsenal invented the stopper, the third back, the policeman, away back in 1925, and on the face of it it should now be easier to play than ever, given the fact that there are two centre-halves instead of one.

Perhaps that is the problem. I remember during the World Cup of 1970, in Mexico, talking about it with Brian Labone, who was then an England stopper. The Everton player made the point that having two centre-halves rather than one complicated matters rather than easing them, for the stopper was no longer monarch of all he surveyed.

While on the subject of Labone, it surprises me a little that Mike Lyons, his successor as an Everton centre-back, should never have been considered for England. A good, honest if scarcely brilliant

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player, certainly no worse than several of the recent incumbents of the position.

Butcher, though he didn't, as we know, do too badly in Cardiff, always worries me because he lacks balance. He can do splendid things in the air at either end of the pitch, and no doubt he and Phil Thompson, a hero of Budapest last June, would dominate both the French and Czech strikers in that respect; but on the ground it is another matter. Butcher, perhaps not wholly inappropriately, tends badly, at times, to lunge and slice. And as we know quick central strikers with pace — Nehoda hasn't the pace he had in '76 thank goodness — can badly embarrass our men.

Steve Foster of Brighton has never seemed to me an authentic candidate; a blood and thunder centre-half of the very old school, too often at full stretch, and found in recent League matches to be surprisingly vulnerable even in the air. On the ground he just isn't mobile enough to deal with the kind of players he would be obliged to meet in Spain.

Burning enthusiasm

Ray Wilkins doesn't fill me with burning enthusiasm. Enzo Bearzot has long admired him, I know, but that is because Bearzot has usually seen him playing against foreign opposition who step back and give him the space he so badly needs. He got a nice goal at Wembley against Northern Ireland when he was supposedly operating as a sweeper, but in fact had advanced, after half time, into the midfield.

He even got one in April, after a two year famine, for Manchester United. But Ray has got into the bad, Alan Hudson, habit of hanging far too far back. A modern midfielder, an inside-forward of Wilkins' nature, simply has to go forward, try to beat people; and use the shot which Wilkins undoubtedly possesses. He should look closely at his club colleague Bryan Robson who, though by nature surely a wing-half rather than an inside-forward, is always ready to race into the attack, as he so impressively showed at Cardiff in the first half.

Tony Morley made a most promising international debut when he came on as substitute against the Hungarians at Wembley, but since then, despite his achievements in the European Cup with Villa, he has been disappointing. At Cardiff he had a negligible game, and though he has pace, control, a shot and cross in either foot, I just do not think he has the intelligence and sophistication for this level of football.

If England are to play with a winger, especially a deep lying one, Coppell is obviously a far better bet, and it is a little surprising that Morley had been persevered with as long as he has. If one were not, so far as Greenwood's strange teams are concerned, somewhat beyond surprises.

On recent form, neither the French, embarrassingly beaten at home by Peru, nor the Czechs, who often draw but find it so hard to win, seem insuperable opponents in Bilbao. The English central attack, especially with Regis in form, could I think get a great deal of change out of the French defence, which doesn't seem to have found a decent stopper to partner Marius Tresor.

More than anything else, defeat at home by Peru has been a nasty blow to French confidence and morale, after the heartening wins against Italy and Northern Ireland. There is a certain fragility about the team, despite the undoubted brilliance of Michel Platini; on whom so very much depends, even if he didn't play against Northern Ireland.

Not too much significance should be read into the Czechs' narrow defeats in West Germany and Austria, for on neither occasion were they at full strength, but they do seem to find it awfully hard to win and they do not seem to me to have the belief of a truly successful team. They are much better coming in as underdogs and pulling off a surprising draw than actually coming out on top. With Masny and Nehoda losing their edge, the threat to a shaky England defence — oh for a decent right-back, as well as a stopper or two! — doesn't seem as formidable as that posed by the French.

Authority: The Football Association (founded 1863; FIFA 1905-20, 1924-28, 1946).
Population: 46 million; total players 1,505,000.
World Cup achievements: 1954 quarter-finals; 1962 quarter-finals; 1966 winners; 1970 quarter-finals.
Finals appearances: 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1970.
Manager: Ron Greenwood. Record in charge: 45-27-8-10-79-36.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	8	4	2	2	13	8	10
England	8	4	1	3	13	8	9
Rumania	8	2	4	2	5	5	8
Switzerland	8	2	3	3	9	12	7
Norway	8	2	2	4	8	15	6

England scorers: Mariner 3, McDermott 3, Woodcock 2, Brooking 2, Keegan 1, Robson 1, Tanner (own goal) 1.

ENGLAND'S PLAYERS

		Age	Caps
Goalkeepers			
Peter Shilton	Nottingham Forest	32	35
Joe Corrigan	Manchester City	33	8
Ray Clemence	Tottenham Hotspur	33	58
Defenders			
Phil Neal	Liverpool	30	35
Phil Thompson	Liverpool	28	32
Dave Watson	Stoke City	35	64
Terry Butcher	Ipswich Town	23	3
Steve Foster	Brighton	24	1
Mick Mills	Ipswich	33	35
Kenny Sansom	Arsenal	23	20
Viv Anderson	Nottingham Forest	25	9
Midfielders			
Bryan Robson	Manchester United	25	16
Glenn Hoddle	Tottenham Hotspur	24	10
Trevor Brooking	West Ham United	33	44
Ray Wilkins	Manchester United	25	44
Terry McDermott	Liverpool	30	33
Forwards			
Cyrille Regis	West Bromwich Albion	24	2
Peter Withe	Aston Villa	30	5
Paul Mariner	Ipswich Town	28	18
Steve Coppell	Manchester United	26	34
Trevor Francis	Manchester City	28	25
Tony Morley	Aston Villa	27	3
Kevin Keegan	Southampton	31	60

Caps as at May 16.

If England were to qualify and meet West Germany in the next round, that would be another story. I do not regard the West Germans as remotely a great team, any more than they were when they won the European Nations Cup in Italy, but they do have far more talent at their disposal, even if Derwall's gifts as a strategist will to some extent now be matched by those of Don Howe.

Recent games

Certain England players may have complained that Howe places too great an emphasis on defence, but so wretchedly inadequate has the England defence been in so many recent games that you can hardly blame him for wanting to build from the back. Besides, much of the football played before half time at Cardiff on an appalling pitch was swift, neat and enterprising; while there is now a pleasing readiness to knock the ball about in defence, waiting for an attacking chance to offer itself.

Though probably much too much has been written in eulogy of young Lothar Matthaus, the Munchengladbach midfielder who played on Zico and Maradon during West Germany's South American tour, the abundance of talent in the West German team is beyond dispute; even though I think they will badly miss Bernd Schuster, the star of the 1980 team. As against that Hansi Muller, back after long absence through injury, seems splendidly to have recovered his form, Littbarski is a dangerous little winger, Paul Breitner's power and experience will be invaluable in midfield. Yet with a Regis and a Francis in form, an underdog could always have his day.

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RIVALRIES AN HAMPER POOR

from Keir Radnedge

TALK about Spanish football and the mind immediately conjures up the images of the style of Real Madrid or the spirit of Barcelona.

But there is another face to the coin, as all those millions round the world who will watch the finals via their TV sets are about to discover.

That face is fashioned in the likeness of Real Sociedad de San Sebastian, lately acclaimed as league champions for the second year in succession and the second time in their history.

Though Spain are the World Cup hosts and among the favourites because of it, the fact is that the country is one packed with regional rivalries and jealousies. The clearest indication comes from the concern about the activities of the Basque terrorist group, ETA. Their claim is for Basque independence from Madrid — the capital whose football teams have, over the years, had to face the brunt of regional resentment.

Under the Franco regime, regional power was positively discouraged. Spain was ruled from Madrid and that stirred up extra animosity in the Basque country to the north, as well as in the industrial stronghold of Catalonia in the east.

All this you need to understand Spanish football; to understand why certain players are picked for certain matches in certain venues; to understand, indeed, why Spain wanted to start their tournament in comparatively neutral Valencia — where neither Barcelona nor Madrid preferences in terms of players need further confuse an already complex issue.

As manager Jose Santamaria prepares his men, so a political war has been raging above their heads. Whipped up by men with their own axes to grind in the corridors of power, it has been carried along by the media, and fuelled by interminable newspaper, radio and television speculation.

On the one side Raimundo Saporta, former administrative key to Real Madrid and now president of the Royal Spanish Organising Committee; on the other side, Pablo Porta, the Catalan president of the Royal Spanish Football Federation.

To Saporta the World Cup is more than a football tournament — it is something akin to a month-long national festival; to Porta the razzmataz is coming dangerously close to swamping the football, and, what's more, he's worried that the massive profits will escape the football authorities and be poured down the drain to subsidise all Saporta's grandiose extracurricular activities.

Porta has won a part of his battle. Saporta's 'Cultural World Cup' has been shunted into an administrative cul-de-sac. Meanwhile Organising Committee secretary Manuel Benito, fed up at being pulled this way and that by the political in-fighting, has just tried to resign for the *fourth time*!

The latest blow to Benito's pride came when he found that his bureau had been pushed into a rear corner of the Congress Palace building which will house the organising HQ for the finals.

What has this to do with football?

Very, very little. But then, the World Cup is about money. That much was made plain almost four years ago when FIFA president Joao Havelange laid down the hopeful forecast that the 1982 World Cup would reap profit of perhaps as much as £50 million. Thus the hard sell which has been the little orange Narajito — a symbol which Porta, predictably, detests — roll around the world on all the franchised goods which is bringing in the cash.

While this financial and political whirlwind has continued, Santamaria has been working as best he can to put together a balanced team to carry the hopes and dreams of the ordinary fan-in-the-street. To do so he has leaned heavily on Real Sociedad; for the Spanish champions are the best *team* around. In goalkeeper/skipper Luis Arconada and schemer Jesus Zamora they have individuals to rank with the best in the world. But that is coincidence. Real's strength lies in their working approach. Barcelona-bound midfielder Miguel Alonso, centre-forward Jesus Satrustegui and winger Roberto Lopez Ufarte will all probably be in Spain's team to underline the point.

This may not mean a team with the excitement which men such as Real Madrid's Juanito or Barcelona's powerful spearhed Quini could bring — though both will probably be in the squad — but it will mean the sort of consistency which wins World Cups.

And Spain are no newcomers to the World Cup finals. They've appeared on five occasions in the past, starting in Italy in 1934. After a victory over Brazil they were paired with favourites and hosts Italy in the quarter-finals. Spain held out for a 1-1 draw after extra time thanks to the goalkeeping brilliance of Ricardo Zamora, one of the greatest of all time and without much doubt the most famous footballer domestically whom the country has seen.

Zamora, unfortunately, was so badly knocked about by the Italian forwards under the blind eye of an indulgent Belgian referee, that he was unable to play in the second game, which the Spaniards then lost.

The ravages of the Spanish civil war ruled out any participation in the 1938 World Cup, so it wasn't until Brazil in 1950 that they returned to the finals — for what is still hailed as their most successful adventure in the tournament.

A famous win over England in the first round thanks to a goal from the Bilbao spearhead Telmo Zarra, helped Spain into the final play-off round. Here, however, despite holding Uruguay 2-2, they went down 6-1 to Brazil and 3-1 to Sweden, to finish fourth. That was a signal for the start of a remarkable era.

At club level in the 1960s, Spain dominated the world. Real Madrid and Barcelona stamped their command and class on the early European competitions — the Champions' Cup and the Fairs' Cup — but their heavy reliance on foreign players meant that Spain's national team flopped time and again.

In the qualifiers for the 1954 finals, they failed to beat Turkey in a Rome play-off and were eliminated when a blind boy drew lots out of a hat; in the 1958 qualifiers they finished behind a Scotland team who then landed bottom of the first-round group in Sweden. Spain did qualify in 1962 — they had only Wales and Morocco to beat! — but unrest in the camp spoiled their efforts in Chile.

Helenio Herrera had walked out on Italy to take over Spain, but he didn't get on with the great Alfredo Di Stefano who was in the squad but never played — officially because of injury. Despite a brave fight against Brazil in which Spain led 1-0 for more than an hour before going down 3-1, they went out in the first round.

The outcome was the federation's confirmation of a ban on all new imported players.

That may have been justified by the fact that Spain qualified again for the finals in 1966. But in England, despite some fine individual displays by record goalkeeper Jose Iribar and a newcomer in midfield named Jose Pirri, they failed again to progress. Defeats against both Argentina and West Germany condemned them — though few who were present will ever forget the stunning acute-angle drive from Lothar Emmerich which provided Germany's decisive goal.

Having failed twice to fulfil their promise, Spain's punishment was to miss out in both 1970 and 1974 — on the second occasion in a bitter 1-0 play-off defeat by Yugoslavia in Frankfurt.

Clearly Spain suffer badly from World Cup nerves. You could sense it in Argentina four years ago; despite the enthusiastic support of local fans (one newspaper, on the squad's arrival, headlined an airport picture: Our Mother is Here!) they flopped. Again there was internal trouble. A disagreement over tactics and personnel between Pirri and manager Ladislao Kubala split the squad and depressed morale. Once again, first-round elimination was the penalty.

For a nation whose players and officials have sometimes behaved like novices, it's sometimes hard to come to terms with the fact that Spain was one of football's first ports of call when the organised modern game spread from Britain.

Sailors, students, businessmen brought football in via Huelva, Bilbao and Barcelona and in 1902 a cup tournament was launched to mark the coronation of King Alfonso XIII in Madrid. Two years later and Carlos Padros, secretary of Madrid FC (later Real Madrid) represented Spain at the founding meeting of FIFA in Paris.

Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao (the English influence in the Athletic title still proudly obvious) were the top clubs even then. A national team made its bow in the 1920 Olympics and collected the silver medal and in 1929 Spain became the first foreign team to beat England, winning 4-3 in Madrid. The game should have been played in the newly-built Montjuich stadium in Barcelona, built for the world exhibition but then — as now — a workers' pay dispute had delayed construction.

For all that early success Spain lay claim to only one national team success — the European Nations' championship, which they won in 1964. Significantly, the Spaniards won it on home ground in the Estadio Barnabeau in Madrid which will witness the World Cup Final on July 11 — and which is the goal towards which Santamaria and Co are working.

As you might expect from a man who was once the world's

SPAIN

D JEALOUSIES SANTAMARIA

Spain, back row left to right: Luis Miguel Arconada, Miguel Alsonso, Miguel Tendillo, Jose Ramon Alesanco, Rafael Gordillo, Juan Antonio Camacho. Front: Jose Vicente Sanchez, Victor, Enrique Suara, Jesus Satrustegui, Roberto Lopez Ufarte.

Authority: Real Federation Espanola de Futbol (founded 1913; FIFA 1904 — club rep).
Population: 35 million; total players 202,574.
World Cup achievements: 1934 quarter-finals; 1950 second round.
Finals appearances: 1934, 1950, 1962, 1966, 1978.
Manager: Jose Santamaria. Record in charge: 19-8-6-5-26-19.
Spain qualified automatically as hosts.

SPAIN'S POSSIBLE 22

Name	*Club*	*Pos.*	*Age*	*Caps*
Luis Maria ARCONADA	Real Sociedad	GK	27	39
Javier URRUTI (coechea)	Barcelona	GK	30	5
Jose Manuel SEMPERE	Valencia	GK	24	0
Jose A. CAMACHO	Real Madrid	DEF	27	29
Santiago URQUIAGA	Bilbao	RB	24	2
Miguel TENDILLO	Valencia	ST	21	21
Manuel JIMENEZ	Gijon	SW	25	0
Antonio MACEDA	Gijon	ST	25	2
Rafael GORDILLO	Betis Sevill	LB	25	29
Jose Ramon ALESANCO	Barcelona	SW	26	29
Miguel ALONSO	Real Sociedad	MF	29	15
Jesus Maria ZAMORA	Real Sociedad	MF	27	26
QUIQUE (Enrique Ramos)	Atletico Madrid	MF	22	0
JOAQUIN Alonso	Gijon	MF	26	12
Ricardo GALLEGO	Real Madrid	MF/SW	24	3
Jose Vicente SANCHEZ	Barcelona	MF/RB	25	7
JUANITO (Juan Gomez)	Real Madrid	OR	27	30
Jesus SATRUSTEGUI	Real Sociedad	CF	28	28
Enrique SAURA	Valencia	OR	27	18
Roberto LOPEZ UFARTE	Real Sociedad	OR/OL	24	10
QUINI (Enrique Castro)	Barcelona	CF	32	32
SANTILLANA (Carlos Alonso)	Real Madrid	CF	29	32

outstanding central defender, Santamaria — who played for Uruguay in the World Cup finals in 1954 and for Spain in 1962 — made his priority the construction of a sound defence. This was the key for England in 1966, the solid foundation. And, just like England, Spain are fortunate to have an outstanding goalkeeper in Luis Maria Arconada.

There seems no reason why, later this year, Arconada shouldn't overtake one-time Bilbao 'keeper Jose Iribar's record of 49 Spanish caps. In the meantime he could become the first goalkeeper to captain the World Cup winners since Italy's Giampiero Combi in 1934. Arconada, two years ago, was the best goalkeeper in the world. Some of his work in the European championship finals was top-class. He's had his ups and downs since then but he is still by far and away the best goalkeeper Spain have.

In front of Arconada is a secure, settled back four. At right back is Jose Antonio Camacho, of Real Madrid. Camacho missed the 1978 finals because of a serious knee ligament injury which, for 18 months, threatened his career. That he should have played again was remarkable; to have regained his Spain place is little short of miraculous. Camacho plays left-back or a destructive midfield role for Madrid and is least at ease on the right of defence. But he accepts the switch because Betis' Rafael Gordillo is immovable at left-back.

Stern in the tackle but quick on the overlap, Gordillo is a typical modern full-back. And the security provided by the young Valencia stopper Miguel Tendillo and the experience and superb football brain of sweeper Jose Ramon Alesanco mean that when Gordillo is away hunting in attack, Spain's defence rarely appears exposed.

Alesanco cost a domestic record £550,000 when Barcelona bought him from Bilbao two years ago and the Basque pedigree is reflected in the various ways different newspapers spell his name, depending on how close or far they stand on the issues of Basque autonomy. To the Madrid media, he is Alesanco. To the Catalans he is often Alexanco. And to much of the Basque media he is, even more extremely, Alexanko!

One more illustration of the political infiltration into Spanish football!

Just as the Basque influence is vital in defence, in Arconada and Alesanco, so it remains predominent in midfield. Real Sociedad's Jesus 'poker-face' Zamora is the midfield general, aided both at club and national level by the hard-working but uninspired Miguel Alonso (not to be confused with Zaragoza's Pichi Alonso, Gijon's Joaquin Alonso, Atletico Madrid's Marcos Alonso or Real Madrid's Carlos 'Santillana' Alonso!).

Next to make them, to complete the trio, Santamaria intended using Victor, the dashing youngster whose fine debut against England at Wembley persuaded Barcelona to part with £400,000 to Zaragoza last summer. Unhappily, Victor cracked a bone in his ankle against Real Madrid just before the end of the season, and may not be available. In his place Santamaria may thus be found juggling Gijon's Joaquin, Barcelona's Jose Sanchez, or the Real Madrid youngster Ricardo Gallego.

Gallego was promoted to the Madrid senior squad last season but missed the European Cup final against Liverpool because of injury. His elevation into the national squad this spring surprised the anti-Madrid faction. But even they couldn't deny the brilliance of the goal he scored on appearing as substitute against Scotland and his skill and versatility might just tip the scales in his favour.

But if Spain have a solid, organised look about their defence and midfield, I can't say the same for the forwards. Just as Ramsey was concerned in 1966 by the inconsistency of his available wingers, and even of the great Jimmy Greaves, so Santamaria may leave one of his undeniable stars on the sidelines in the cause of teamwork.

Juanito of Real Madrid — real name Juan Gomez — is Spain's most famous player. Also the most controversial. His temper and his habit of calling a spade a spade have embarrassed Real Madrid officials to the point where they have seriously considered using him in an exchange deal for Valencia's Tendillo. Santamaria, too, remains deeply sceptical of Juanito's flawed talent. On his day there is no more exciting player in Western Europe; he taunts defenders as the matador taunts the bull. But . . . he has played virtually no part in Santamaria's plans this season and his past arguments with the Real Sociedad men make him a controversial inclusion in Spain's squad.

Santamaria may feel he has to include Juanito. But having taken that step, he will have to play him. A fretful, impatient Juanito kept inactive is hardly likely to cool the nerves of a squad under enough pressure as hosts.

A political selection to appease Madrid when, hopefully, Spain play in the capital in the second round and will need all the support they can muster? Maybe. As also may be viewed the inclusion of Barcelona spearhead Quini. Now 32, Quini has been the league's top scorer for the last three seasons and the Barcelona press have repeatedly stressed Spain's need of his power. But Santamaria has shown little enthusiasm for this cause either and the suspicion of a political choice is enhanced when you you realise that Santamaria has *also* included in his 22 the Real Madrid centre-forward Santillana.

Considering that the regular spearhead, Jesus Satrustegui, is clearly the ideal foil for Roberto Lopez Ufarte, his Real Sociedad outside-left, the choice of so many centre-forwards can hardly be explained in any other way.

The World Cup Finalists

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IF THE Republic of Honduras, a little country of less than four million inhabitants, reached the World Cup finals for the first time this year it is because they have prepared their team as never before . . . in a way which seems completely out of proportion for such a relatively poor country and its relative importance on the world soccer scene. And they have a coach, 40-year-old José de la Paz Herrera, who not only took a coaching course at the Argentine FA, but has also copied a lot of the training methods and organisation which took coach Menotti and Argentina to the world title in 1978.

De la Paz Herrera has also been given the same facilities as Argentina's Menotti and this has enabled him to revolutionise soccer, at least at international level, in his country. He has been able to take players from their clubs for exclusive training whenever he wanted and as a result the squad has trained and played together more than that of any other of this year's World Cup finalists. He took over the national team in 1980 and concentrated his players for exclusive World Cup preparations for all of 10 months that year and seven last year. Now they have been hard at it since January. But apart from that Honduras has played some 70 warm-up games, 13 of them in Spain . . . although few full internationals apart from the 13 matches needed to qualify for the World Cup.

After first jointly topping a preliminary group with El Salvador in which Costa Rica, Guatemala and Panama were the other participants, they won the CONCACAF zone final round unbeaten with only one goal against in five games and eliminating such fancied teams as Mexico and Canada on the way.

Honduras showed organised defence, alternate attacks lead by the flank defenders and good rotation as well as good passing and attacking in groups, while they played an interesting 4-3-1-2 formation. They also showed tactics far in advance to those used anywhere else in Central or North America. At least it looked good against the not too strong opposition at hand and it must also be remembered that all the final round games were played at home in Tegucigalpa. This year Honduras has played only four full internationals resulting in two draws against a Romanian touring team (in February) which did not impress anywhere on its American tour and more recently a defeat (3-2) in San Salvador against fellow World Cup finalists El Salvador who are not destined to go far in Spain. At home they drew the return game 1-1.

The coach says the team needs more precision in passing and wants to play more games before the World Cup. In the final qualifying round they were short of two forwards — Bailey and Laing — who were injured, while midfielder Yerwood had not been released by his Spanish club, Valladolid.

Pro soccer in Honduras is not rich. No player earns more than 600 dollars a month and in contrast to their neighbours, El Salvador, there have been no financial problems with the squad. They are being paid between 700 and 900 dollars a month plus draw and win bonuses of 50 and a 100 dollars respectively.

De la Paz Herrera's likely first choice line-up could be Julio Arzu who was hardly tested in the final round in which he let through only one goal in five games, defenders — Domingo Drumond, another absentee through injury in the final round who occasionally has disciplinary problems, Anthony Costly, a tall and commanding stopper who patrols his area confidently, Hector Zelaya who fights for the ball and creates attacks and Fernando Bulnes (mentioned apart), fast midfielder David Buezo or Salvador Bernadez who was also absent due to injury in the final round and plays in the US; The middle line would be completed by Yerwood who, as mentioned, has experience of Spanish soccer and the outstanding Ramon Madariaga who organises play, is considered one of the stars of the team, but is weak at marking.

In attack — Roberto Figueroa, a talented striker who drifts around the penalty area looking for openings, plus Tony Laing and Robert Bailey, absent in the final round as mentioned, but the latter was leading scorer of the team in the previous qualifying round.

It may seem curious to find a number of English names in the squad. They are dark-skinned like so many others with English sounding names in the area.

De la Paz Herrera hopes his team will put up a better show in Spain than the zone's representative, Mexico, did in the last World Cup and that if they lose all three matches that they do it while putting up strong resistance and attacking. He also says he prefers to face European teams because " . . . it is easier to annull their tactics and I have players like Zelaya and Costly who are good in the air."

With so many key players absent from the qualifying games, Honduras may be a better team in Spain than in Tegucigalpa and their hard training is bound to pay off which, however, still does not appear to give them much of a chance against Spain, Yugoslavia or even Northern Ireland in their group.

Jose de la Paz Herrera, is more popular than his players in the country . . . just as in the case of Menotti in Argentina. And there are also other similarities.

Like Menotti, the Honduras coach can take his players from their club teams whenever he wishes and like Menotti he is continuously under enormous pressure from fans and the media to include certain players and exclude others in his squad. And although De la Paz Herrera has formed his own ideas about tactics — which are far advanced to those of neighbouring countries in the Central American zone — he has copied a lot of Argentina's organisation. In fact he took a coaching course at the Argentine FA and was one of its first graduates in 1967. He did learn a lot of his basic tactics there.

The result is that the squad has been concentrated for longer periods than any other due to go to Spain and has played a great number of warm-up matches at home and abroad (as mentioned). De la Paz Herrera also tries to avoid the media as much as possible, because of the aforementioned pressure.

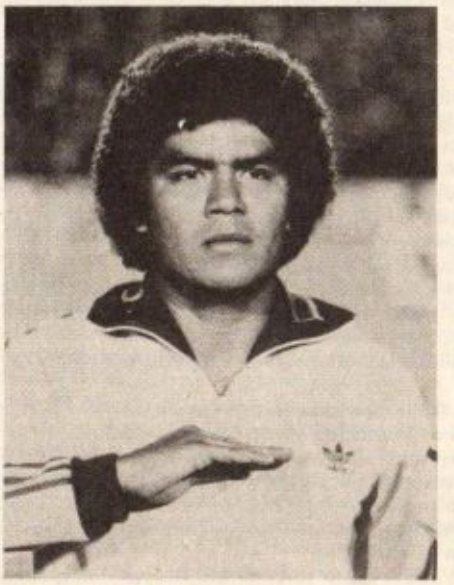
He says: "This is the greatest success I have ever had and I thank God for giving me the privelege of leading my country to the World Cup finals for the first time which is equal to writing a page in the history of Honduras." And as for the future, he simply says: "I can't make any comment on what we are likely to do in Spain, because I'm not a prophet."

In a team short of individual talent, Jose Fernando Bulnes, the veteran at 35, stands out at least for his experience. He is the only remaining member of the squad which almost qualified for the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico and he has played 28 times for his country — far more than any of the other squad members.

The chunky defender is only 1,65m tall and weighs 65 kilos . . . and his favourite book is the bible, but he has no room for charity when he is on the field. Forwards who have tangled with him can vouch for the fact that he is a hard, uncompromising opponent and he was voted outstanding defender during the zone final qualifying round in Tegucigalpa.

But away from soccer the strong man of the Honduras defence has a much gentler side to his character. Much of his free time is taken up in charity work and reading the bible and he is a keen member of Caritas, a Catholic aid association which specialises in helping shantytown dwellers of which there are plenty in his country. During the close season he works full time for Caritas without pay.

Not surprisingly, Bulnes is highly respected by his team mates and coach De la Paz Herrera says of him: "He's an inspiration to us both on and off the field." He is, of course, also very popular with the



Roberto Figueroa of Honduras.

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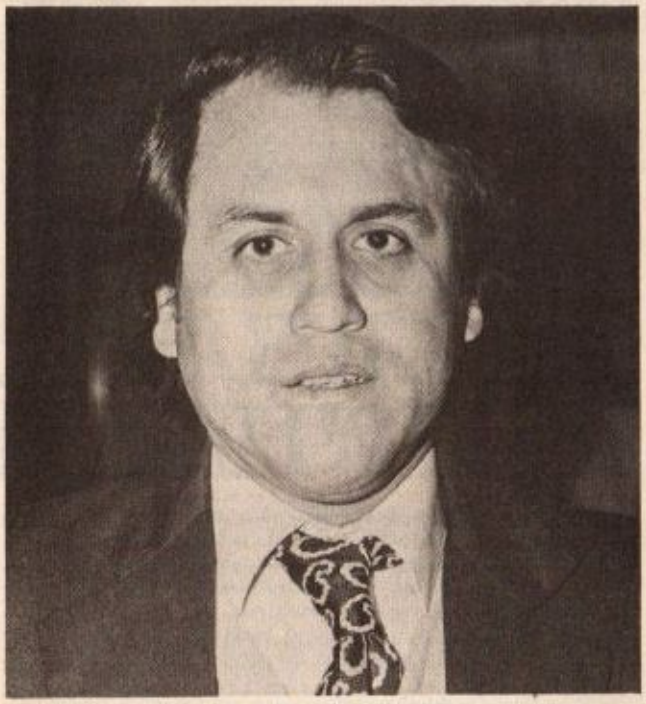
soccer mad people of Honduras. Whenever he leaves his modest house in the centre of Tegucigalpa, where he lives with his wife and three daughters, he is besieged by fans.

As well as being strong in the tackle, he is quick to cover up for other defenders and to move up the wing into attack in spite of his age. He says he isn't worried about meeting superior teams in Spain. He thrives on hard work.



Jose de la Paz Herrera

HONDURAS

Authority: Federacion Nacional Deportiva Extraescolar de Honduras (founded 1951; FIFA 1951).
Population: 3 million; total players 11,550.
World Cup finals appearances: 0.
Manager: Jose de la Paz Herrera (Chelato Ucles). Record in charge: 19-9-7-3-28-11.

Concacaf central zone group

	P	W	D	L	F	a	Pts
Honduras	8	5	2	1	15	5	12
El Salvador	8	5	2	1	12	5	12
Guatemala	8	3	3	2	10	2	9
Costa Rica	8	1	4	3	6	10	6
Panama	8	0	1	7	3	24	1

Play-off group (in Tegucigalpa)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras	5	3	2	0	8	1	8
El Salvador	5	2	2	1	2	1	6
Canada Mexico	5	1	3	1	6	3	5
Mexico Canada	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
Cuba	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Haiti	5	0	2	3	2	9	2

Honduras scorers: Figueroa 6, Bailey 6, Bernardez 5, Bueso 2, J. Costly 1, Caballero 1, Urquia 1, Velasquez 1.

WORLD CUP POSSIBLE SQUAD

Name	*Club*	*Pos.*	*Age*	*Caps*
Julio Cesar ARZU	Deportivo Espana	GK	26	24
Jimmy STEWARD	Motagua	GK	28	41
Saloman NAZAR	Dep. Universidad	GK	25	6
Fernando BULNES	Marathon	LB	35	50
Efrain GUTTIEREZ	Dep. Universidad	DEF	23	12
Domingo DRUMOND	Platense	DEF	25	23
Jaime VILLEGAS	Real Espana	DEF/MF	35	46
Hector ZELAYA	Motagua	DEF	23	19
Anthony COSTLY	Deportivo Espana	CB	28	31
Roberto FIGUEROA	Vida Club	MF	23	35
David BUEZO	Motagua	MF	24	15
Ramon MARADIAGA	Motagua	MF	24	35
Javier TOLEDO	Marathon	MF	26	27
Salvador BERNARDEZ	(Amateur in US)	MF	29	0
Gilberto J. YEARWOOD	Valladolid, Spain	MF/SW	25	0
Juan MUROLLO	Universidad, Spain	MF	24	11
Celso WHITE	Marathon	AT	27	1
Jimmy BAILEY	Marathon	AT	26	16
Prudencio MORALES	Olimpia	AT	27	31
Porfirio BETANCOURT	Real Espana	AT	24	16
Tony LAING	Platense	AT	24	17

Cavan confident of British entry

by Paul Parish

HARRY CAVAN, perhaps the most influential figure in British football, is confident that Northern Ireland and the rest of the British sides will be competing in the World Cup Finals in Spain.

Mr Cavan, President of the Northern Ireland FA and senior vice-president of FIFA, said on his return from a recent trip to China: "We should all play. At the moment we are contracted to go to the World Cup and we are going. We are just hoping that there will be a peaceful settlement in the Falklands dispute and that all the hassle dies down."

Encouraging words, not least for Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham, who through all the problems must continue to plot his build-up to the finals.

Bingham's first step was to name the initial list of 40 players from whom his final choice of 22 will be made.

Of all the home countries Bingham's task is probably the easiest. Quite simply he hasn't got that many players to choose from.

However, that didn't stop him from making one surprise inclusion in his squad — 17-year-old Manchester United forward Norman Whiteside. He had been discovered by the same man who introduced, among others, George Best to Old Trafford and United manager Ron Atkinson has already used the youngster's potential. He was chosen as substitute for United's game at Brighton and came on late in the game.

There is also a place in the list of 40 players for veteran international Pat Rice. His experience could be invaluable to the Irish, particularly after his successful leadership of Watford in their promotion, for the first time, to Division One of the Football League.

Build-up

SCOTLAND manager Jock Stein, like his counterparts Ron Greenwood (England) and Billy Bingham (Northern Ireland), must continue his build-up to the World Cup despite the problems in the South Atlantic.

Stein declared his feelings when he said recently: "I didn't travel all the way to New Zealand to watch them for nothing." Scotland's first game in the World Cup will be against the outsiders from New Zealand.

Added Stein: "As it stands at the moment we are going to Spain for sure."

There are voices in Scotland, however, that are not quite so strident in the belief that the side should participate. The Scottish Professional Footballers' Association have been the most outspoken body on a possible withdrawal by the British contingent.

Perhaps the happiest man to be included in the initial list of 40 players chosen by Stein is Arsenal goalkeeper George Wood. Since his move from Everton to Arsenal he had been understudy to the great Pat Jennings but when the Irishman was injured Wood seized his chance to reclaim an international place that he must have thought had been lost for ever.

Derek Johnstone of Rangers has been included despite a worrying injury and there are places, too, for Wolves striker Andy Gray and Ray Stewart of West Ham, who was sent off in the recent under-21 international with England.

Handshakes across the years . . . between the captains of the World Cup Finalists. From the left: Bellini of Brazil and Sweden's Liedholm in 1958 — the referee is Guigue of France; (2) Nasazzi of Uruguay exchanges gifts with Argentina's Ferreira, watched by Belgian referee Langenus in 1930; (3) a greeting of two goalkeeping captains, Combi of Italy and Planicka of Czechoslovakia in 1934; (4) Italy's Facchetti and Brazil's Carlos Alberto in Mexico in 1970.

IT WAS back in 1904, at the time of FIFA's founding meeting, that the idea of the world championship was launched.

Or at least, raised for the first time.

The representative from Belgium, Denmark, France, Holland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland who met in Paris to set up the world federation didn't lay any plans for a first tournament.

They just wanted to place their claim to the rights to organise any such event. So it wasn't until 1930, following a series of disputes over the weaknesses and merits of the Olympic football competition, that the World Cup was launched.

The original statuette – a far more singular trophy than the present prize – was first competed for in Uruguay. Yet unlike today, when World Cups are planned way in advance, the Uruguayans were granted the hosting honour only the year before at FIFA's congress in Barcelona.

The Uruguayans, who were celebrating their national centenary in 1930, had promised to pay all expenses for the other teams and build a vast new stadium, the 70,000 capacity Centenario. But the Europeans were nervous of the long sea crossing, so only four nations made the trip.

Uruguay, Olympic winners in 1924 and 1928, were then the world's outstanding team – officially, anyway, since the British quartet were then outside FIFA. And in the final the hosts duly won with a famous 4-2 victory over neighbours Argentina, who had led 2-1 at the interval.

The Uruguayans were angered, however, by European caution, so they stayed at home in 1934 when Mussolini's Italy maintained the tradition of the hosts winning the final. Guided by the managerial hand of Vittorio Pozzo, the Italians beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 after extra-time in a final which saw the remarkable sight of both teams captained by their goalkeepers – Planicka of Czechoslovakia and Combi of Italy.

Four years later the Italians retained their trophy in France – underlining their qualities by becoming the first non-hosts to succeed. Only two of their 1934 team remained – inside forwards Ferrari and Meazza – but this time their victory in the final was easier. Hungary were the victims, falling 4-2 in the Stade Colombes.

But already the seeds of war had been planted. Austria had been swallowed by Germany, whose team in the finals included several of their "annexed" stars.

And the events which led on from there meant it would be 12 years before the World Cup could again be put up for competition.

FIFTIES WERE BUT WHAT AB

THE competitions of the fifties were, looking back, probably the peak years of World Cup football with swarms of great players producing the kind of football that was both delightful and fascinating to watch.

Of course things changed then with the introduction of tactics in 1962 and an extra demoraliser, work-rate in 1966 on top of the tactical revolution which depressed spectators and meant that physical qualities and men who would play to orders replaced class and skill.

In 1950, staged in Brazil it was inevitably the South Americans who dominated but there were some excellent showings too by European sides. In the final stages the right results ensured that the classiest teams took the top places. A final match between Brazil and Uruquay was rightly the decider and for Brazil at home it was a disaster. In Zizinho, Ademir and Jair they had perhaps the best inside-forward trio of all time, murdered all opposition but were over-shadowed in the final by a better organised, harder working Uruguay.

Brazil had hammered Sweden 7-1 and Spain 6-1 in the final pool while the Uruguayans struggled to draw 2-2 with Spain and only just beat Sweden 3-2. But they rose to the big occasion and with full back Andrade; attacking centre-half Varela and inside-left Schiaffino all playing like masters inspired, Uruguay beat Brazil 2-1 to take the trophy.

Disaster struck

It is worth recalling, too, that Stan Matthews, well past thirty was thought to be finished and though he starred in the Swiss World Cup four years later England flew to Brazil without him, while he went to Canada with a touring FA XI. Then after disaster struck England (beaten 1-0 by a group of immigrants playing for the USA) a cable brought Matthews flying down to Rio — but too late.

In 1954 we saw the same kind of football, plus the magical Hungarians, probably the best national team of all time. But Yugoslavia, France, Belgium, Italy and the Swiss — at home — all did very well in football terms, as well as England who had Matthews moving to inside-left where his through passes showed that he was far more than a master dribbler on the right wing. But from the old world it was Central Europe who dominated Austria, still clinging to an

DELIGHTFUL OUT EIGHTIES?

by Eric Batty

attacking centre-half, the late, great Ernst Ocwirk, thrashed the Czechs, beat Scotland and then won an unbelievable quarter final 7-5.

Brazil again had great players but were unfortunate to be paired with Hungary while Uruguay hammered Scotland 7-0, beat the Czechs and then took England apart to win 4-2. This was England's swan song as a team offering class.

Now came the classic encounter, the only game I have ever seen between *two* truly great sides, the semi-final between Hungary and Uruguay. Without Puskas, injured, a reshuffled Hungary finally won 4-2 after extra time (2-2) but Andrade, Varela and an inspired Juan Schiaffio, all true greats of all-time were the key men for Uruguay. Fabulous attacks were countered by superb anticipation in defence, and the game flowed from end to end. Magic, and no one privileged to be there worried about the pouring rain.

The wily Sepp Herberger also had a great side but kept it under wraps until it was needed. The Germans then took Austria apart, great though they were, by 6-1 in the semi-final and 0-2 down early on in the final in which Puskas insisted on playing, the Germans came back to win 3-2 with stopper Liebrich and inside-left Fritz Walter world class.

Once in trouble the Hungarians really poured it on but as happens now and then to everyone, it was a day when it was written that they would not win. They even equalised but (wrongly in my view) had the goal disallowed.

Sweden in 1958 was probably the World Cup peak with Yugoslavia, Argentina and the Czechs, and even N. Ireland all prodicing the magic. But Brazil, rebuilt after a 0-0 draw in their first choice attack failed against England; France and Sweden who were vastly under-rated by all, were the greatest of the cream. Brazil played two great games, beating a superb French side in the semi-finals and again hit five goals in the final against Sweden who had beaten West Germany 3-1 in the other half of the draw and actually led 1-0 early on through the great Liedholm before Didi, Zito, Garrincha and the boy-Pele took them apart.

Four years later in Chile the great forwards had disappeared; defences dominated and there were even some fearful scenes of violence on the pitch. Only Brazil were still great, fielding their 1958 side but losing Pele early on through injury while the Czechs and Yugoslavia were skilful and well-balanced but lacked the great forwards who can win games on their own.

Again in the final, Brazil found themselves a goal down, a fine solo effort by Masopust for the Czechs but rightly came back to beat a good side who never turned nasty, by 3-1. But no one scored more than four goals in the whole tournament.

1966 was probably the all-time low in World Cups. Defences were even more difficult to beat and though the North Koreans proved a delight in sportsmanship as well as old-fashioned real football they fell foul, after building up a winning lead, of a great Portugal. Once Eusebio discovered that the Asians were disciplined purists and were not going to kick him he turned it on and hit four goals.

The only real football was seen in the Liverpool group where Hungary and Portugal produced the magic but were not tough enough to survive. The tone was set in the opening game, a 0-0 draw between England and Uruguay, and even FIFA and the referees contributed in helping England win the World Cup. The delighted English ignored the fact that their win at all costs and tactical approach cost them a lot of respect and many friends across the world. Thus England became the worst team ever to win the World Cup — which they would never had done had it not been staged in England.

Magical forwards

1970 brought a revelation in Mexico. Heat forced everyone to slow it down and the result was a return to skills and thought. Brazil rightly won it but Peru had magical forwards; West Germany had a great side and Morocco and Bulgaria entertained. Even Italy showed they could play when they had to, and with the Germans provided the most exciting game I've ever seen in the semi-final. Football was the winner here, and Brazil deservedly took the title.

By 1974 the game had got out of its defensive trap, wingers were back and that meant quality forward-play, though sometimes only on the break. But Holland were wonderfully entertaining, the Germans deserved their win with some fine football (another swan-song, albeit temporary) and Poland were superb; and Argentina, Chile, Yugoslavia and even Sweden produced forwards of quality which is what real football is about.

Argentina in 1978 were quite superb, an attacking team built to go forward — but perhaps another swan song? France, Italy, Peru, Hungary and even Tunisia and Iran all showed they could 'play' but half the sides there were disappointing and some were so obsessed with tactics that only the few were worth remembering.

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Spanish Diary

Money makes the competition go round and round

MONEY makes the World Cup go around — of that there can be not the slightest doubt.

All you have to do is look at the money on offer for those who expect to star in Spain and, maybe, carry home the ultimate prize.

Diego Maradona, for example, will be paid around £50,000 by the Argentine authorities if they retain their crown. Then there could be as much as £250,000 in outside contracts to be earned — plus whatever share he can negotiate of his transfer to Europe (probably Barcelona).

At 21 Maradona has ensured his potential to a fortune, though while he remains in Argentina with its falling peso it's clear that money is not all it seems.

Best off of the Europeans would be Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the European Footballer of the Year and captain of West Germany. He's on around £150,000 a year with Bayern Munich; World Cup victory would be worth a direct payment of £26,000; and that would lead in turn to around £100,000 in sponsorship.

When you buy your next film for your camera, order up your next soft drink or even have a shave, remember that part of the price you pay for the privilege gives you a direct link into the bank accounts of the stars!

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I couldn't resist this one paragraph out of the huge volume of World Cup publications on the market right now.

It's contained in the New Zealand section of one glossy colour edition which, the reader soon realises, is a French publication translated.

Of the New Zealand attack they say: "Then Steve Sumner, who played a long time for England (sic) and sports an untiring level of energy, very much like that of Bonny Almond, a winger, who is, in fact, an adjunct, technically speaking, to his inexhaustible capacities."

Got that?

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CLIVE WHITE'S call-up as one of the referees for the finals upheld a tradition of English officials in the game's premier tournament.

White has some respected predecessors. George Reader refereed the 1950 Final between Brazil and Uruguay, and Bill Ling was in charge of the decisive match between West Germany and Hungary in 1954.

It fell to the lot of Jack Taylor, then a Wolverhampton butcher but now Wolves' commercial manager, to take the 1974 Final between West Germany and Holland.

Taylor it was who had to delay the start of the game while red-faced officials ran to find the corner flags which had been removed to allow for the ceremonials. Taylor it was, too, who awarded the first-ever penalties in a World Cup Final — the first after barely 90 seconds, and converted by Johan Neeskens.

Referees from the other British associations have never had the best of luck. Or been the subject of controversy. In 1954 it was Welshman Mervyn Griffiths whose offside flag ruled out what would have been a Hungary equaliser for 3-3 in the Final; in 1978 another Welshman, Clive Thomas, ruled out a Brazil 'goal' against Sweden because he had blown for full-time a split-second earlier.

In 1974 Scot Bobby Davidson was shattered when Taylor was chosen for the Final. Davidson claimed that referees' official Ken Aston had tipped him the wink that he, Davidson, would be granted the game. Ilford headmaster Aston thus completed a hat-trick of controversy: in 1962 he refereed the ill-fated Battle of Santiago between Chile and Italy, and in 1966 he was the go-between who had to try to mediate in the sending-off at Wembley of Argentina skipper Antonio Rattin.

Being a World Cup referee is a minefield, but White has plenty of experience. Aged 41, he has refereed all over the world, including Japan, and virtually every European country. He officiates not only at top level, but in London area schools games.

A linesman in the 1977 FA Cup Final, he controlled this year's final between Tottenham and Queen's Park Rangers. Clearly a man for the big occasion. And a referee with a big future in the world game . . . as long as luck is on his side.

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THERE will be almost as many famous names jamming the press boxes and TV cabins during the finals as out on the pitch. Pele, Cruyff, Beckenbauer and Co will all be providing their opinions for ample reward back home.

Pele's views have also been aired abroad. He's worried about Brazil's prospects on two counts: first he thinks that the lack of traditional wingers could stifle their attack; secondly, he believes all the talk of World Cup favourites could engender dangerous over-confidence.

However, his 1970 attacking partner, Tostao, disagrees. Real name Eduardo Goncalves de Andrade, Tostao had to give up football soon after the Mexico triumph because of eye trouble. But he says: "It will be child's play for Brazil.

"Manager Santana has an excellent squad and I've no doubt we'll win. Argentina, West Germany and Spain will be the dangers. But no other team have so many talented players at their disposal. Santana's problem will be selecting which 11 go out on to the pitch."

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MUCH of the reconstruction work carried out in the World Cup stadia was in enlarging press boxes to cater for the 2,756 journalists accredited to the finals.

Where are they all coming from? Spain top the list with 735 journalists; then come West Germany with 288 and Argentina with 219. Moving on down the list are Italy (160) and Brazil (155). Then come France (124) and — would you believe? — the United States (123). To be fair, the American list includes a large number of reporters working for the worldwide agencies.

And England? Next in the list with 72. Originally the English figure was placed by the organisers at 224. But this included no fewer than 152 international agency reporters.

Strangely, NO journalists accredited from Algeria, El Salvador, Cameroon or Kuwait. Very odd. After all, even the little Pyreneean enclave of Andorra have *two* men going!

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AT THE time of writing these notes the presence of Gilberto Jeronimo Yearwood in the Honduras World Cup squad was still in doubt.

An unusual tale. Gilberto played for Honduras, alongside future internationals such as Hector Zelaya and Jimmy Bailey, in the 1977 World Youth Cup in Tunisia.

He was outstanding and so, before he had a chance to play a full international for Honduras, he was whipped away to Spain where he has become one of the best sweepers in the First Division with unfashionable Valladolid.

Gilberto's presence would be invaluable, the Hondurans decided, after qualifying for the finals. But obtaining him was another matter. First problem lay in Gilberto's ambition. Real Madrid were interested in signing him, but only while he remained a non-international. While his Spanish parentage kept him technically qualified to play for Spain at senior level, he would not compromise Madrid's right to field the statutory two foreigners.

The nearer the World Cup, the most erratic Gilberto's form; so Madrid cooled their interest and Gilberto decided he wanted to play for Honduras in the finals. That was fine with national boss Jose de la Paz Herrera. And with Valladolid — who saw their chance of some easy money, since they were obviously NOT now going to be receiving a large transfer fee.

They told Honduras that, for £30,000, they could borrow Gilberto for the World Cup. The Hondurans were staggered. They had already had to apply to FIFA for an advance on their share of the profits to prepare for the finals!

They offered Valladolid £10,000; and a deal was struck at £18,000. The last I heard a public subscription in Honduras had raised £10,000. Whether the other £8,000 trickled in we will soon know!

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WHILE on the subject of confusing qualifications, the Belgian Senate's decision to reject Juan Lozano's naturalisation plea came as a body blow for national manager Guy Thys.

Lozano, though born in Spain, had lived in Belgium since the age of eight. Almost all his football has been played in Belgium . . . barring one unsuccessful spell in the United States with Washington Diplomats, some 18 months ago.

Now it was because of that temporary break in his Belgian residence that Lozano's

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Madrid's Estadio Bernabeu — venue for the World Cup Final — before and after renovation.

plea failed — to the disappointment of Thys who had counted on the Anderlecht star relieving much of the burden of veteran Wilfried Van Moer in midfield.

"Ballet dancers and opera singers have been accepted as special cases, why not a footballer?" asked Thys with a characteristic shrug of the shoulders. The answer lies in the suspicion generated that Lozano's application at this time owed more to the proximity of the World Cup than a genuine regard for the benefits of Belgian citizenship.

He has, after all, had plenty of time to apply in the past!

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AT 71 the Peru manager Tim will be the oldest at the finals; the youngest is the 36-year-old El Salvador boss, Mauricio 'Pipo' Rodriguez. By a coincidence, both have experience of playing in the finals: Tim for Brazil in Italy in 1938 and Rodriguez for El Salvador in Mexico in 1970.

Other managers with experience of playing in the finals include Jean Vincent (Cameroon manager, with France in 1958), Kalman Meszöly (Hungary, 1962 and 1966), Billy Bingham (Northern Ireland, 1958), and Jose Santamaria (Spain manager, with Uruguay in 1954 and with Spain in 1962).

Only three of the 16 managers in 1978 in Argentina have survived: Argentina's Cesar Menotti, France's Michel Hidalgo and Italy's Enzo Bearzot. Appointed only this year are Rachid Mekloufi and Mahiedine Khalef (Algeria), Georg Schmidt (Austria) and Jean Vincent (Cameroon).

The oldest player in the finals will be Italian goalkeeper Dino Zoff, who is 40.

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THE World Cup is big business and business well worth having, you might have thought.

Surprising then, that the London sports promotions firm West Nally, handed over the multi-million pound contract for the finals a matter of weeks before the event, to a European consortium.

On the same subject — and in case you hadn't noticed — the World Cup has nine international sponsors: Coca-Cola, Iveco, Seiko, Metaxa, R. J. Reynolds (tobacco), Gillette, Canon, Fuji Film (the Rummenigge adverts) and Toyota.

FIFA president Joao Havelange suggested, almost four years ago, that profits from Spain might touch even £50 million. We won't know until towards the end of the year. But on that basis even first round failing nations could collect up to £800,000 as their share of the cake!

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THE REFURBISHMENT of the Estadio Santiago Bernabeu in Madrid has meant a bright new look for the home of Real Madrid which was starting to look a little shabby and out-dated 35 years after its inauguration.

Increased seating, extended media facilities and a wrap-around roof means capacity has been cut from 125,000 to 90,000. There are new electronic scoreboards — Mitsubishi supplied them in return for free advertising rights for 10 years — and the £2.75 million project included remodelling changing rooms and all other facilities.

Also included was the use of glass reinforced cement, developed in England by the Pilkington Group, to provide a bright new facade to the stadium on the busy Avenida del Generalisimo.

Yet, if Real Madrid had been granted their way, the Bernabeu stadium would have been knocked down several years ago! The problems of a stadium set in a busy suburban part of the city and the likely costs of redeveloping sent the club to its architects for plans to build a new stadium, out of town. The project was to be financed by selling the Bernabeu site for development.

Madrid's city council ruled, however, that the current stadium is in a protected area and the only development permitted would be a park! So Madrid stayed put — and now the World Cup will help finance their redevelopment instead.

The Bernabeu has housed many major finals — including the World Club Cup (1960, 1964 play-off, 1966), the European Cup Final (1957, 1969, 1980) and the European Nations' Championship Final in 1964.

Now, with the World Cup Final it will rank alongside Montevideo, Rome, the Colombes in Paris, the Maracana in Rio, the Wankdorf in Berne, the Rasunda in Stockholm, the Estadio Nacional in Santiago, Wembley, the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City, the Olympic Stadium in Munich, and the River Plate in Buenos Aires.

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WITH the excitement of the finals upon us, the bread-and-butter league and cup fare tends to become buried amid the weight of World Cup concerns.

But already a number of European issues have been settled. Briefly, they are: *Austria* — Cup, FK Austria (bt SSW Innsbruck). *Belgium* — League, Standard Liege. *Brazil* — Championship, Flamengo (bt Gremio). *England* — League, Liverpool; FA Cup, Tottenham or QPR; League Cup, Liverpool. *Czechoslovakia* — League, Dukla; Cup, Slovan Bratislava. *East Germany* — League, Dynamo Berlin; Cup, Dynamo Dresden (bt Dynamo Berlin). *France* — League, Monaco. *Hungary* — League, Raba ETO Gyor; Cup, Ujpest (bt Videoton 2-0). *Luxembourg* — League, Avenir Beggen. *Poland* — League, Widzew Lodz. *Portugal* — League, Sporting Lisbon. *Spain* — League, Real Sociedad; Cup, Real Madrid (bt Gijon 2-1). *Scotland* — League, Celtic; Cup, Aberdeen. *West Germany* — Cup, Bayern Munich (bt Nürnberg 4-2).

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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES: *June 1* — France-Wales (Toulouse), Switzerland-Algeria, Hamburg-West Germany (Beckenbauer testimonial) . . . *June 2* — Belgium-Ajax, Chile-Servette . . . *June 3* — Finland-England . . . *June 5* — Portugal-Brazil . . . *June 6* — Liechtenstein-China (Vaduz) . . . *June 8* — Aarau-China . . . *June 9* — Porto-Italy . . . *June 11* — Grasshoppers-China, Vizcaya XI v Francé (prov; San Sebastian) . . . *June 13* — Start of the World Cup.

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GOLDEN BOOT — Leaders: Kieft (Ajax) 31 goals. Hansen (Odense) 28. Onnis (Tours); Kist (Alkmaar); *Quini (Barcelona) 26. *Vandenbergh (Lierse); *Keegan (Southampton) 24. *Shengelia (Tbilisi); *Szarmach (Auxerre); Skov (Cercle Bruges) 23. Jorgensen (Nykoping); Krings (Avenir Beggen); *Hannich (Raba Gyor); O'Connor (Athlone); Nene (Benfica) 22. *Gavrilov (Moscow Spartak); Himanka (OPs); Buckley (Shamrock R); *Hrubesch (Hamburg); *Szentes (Raba Gyor); Jacques (Porto) 21. Torbjorn Nilsson (IFK Gothenburg); *Blokhin (Kiev); Jordao (Sporting Lisbon); Vabec (Brest); Burgsmuller (Dortmund) 20.

*World Cup possibles (10 out of top 26).

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BACKGROUND OF VI BUT EL SALVADOR

from Eric Weil

EL SALVADOR had to play 13 qualifying matches to reach the 1982 World Cup finals and they have had to do it against a background of violence in a civil war which has already claimed some 30,000 lives over the last two years in this country of 4.3 million inhabitants . . . including two members of the national team squad.

Ismael Cisco Diaz was ambushed and killed by guerillas a year ago on the way to a training session with his club, Deportivo Aguila, and his body was found dumped in a dustbin according to reports. Diaz, rich by El Salvador standards, had interests in real estate and cotton plantations and national team players speculate that the guerillas may have demanded a financial contribution from him and he was killed when he refused to pay. Five months earlier Diaz's Aguila team mate, a part time taxi driver, died when he was caught in crossfire between the army and guerillas while driving his cab along a street.

But apart from these two unconnected incidents, there has been no ill will shown by the guerillas against the players, because soccer is a sport for the people. The squad has, however, had to face plenty of other problems.

Slim hopes

El Salvador's already slim hopes of success in the finals have been further reduced by government austerity measures. Lack of cash will probably mean that only 18 players instead of the usual 22 will go to Spain. Meanwhile, the squad could not be sent on a European tour to get experience against the kind of rivals they will be up against in Spain and foreign teams are not willing to come to play in El Salvador under the present conditions there. It has also meant that neither national team coach Mauricio Rodriguez or his two assistants could be sent to spy out their World Cup rivals.

There has been squabbling between players and the FA over payment with the FA offering between a 1,000 and 2,880 dollars a month and the players wanting between 5,000 and 12,000, according to their status. But the authorities said they could not afford this and would call up other players to replace the present squad if necessary. One crisis was averted when coach Rodriguez and his two assistants, Salvador Mariona and José Castro, said they would work for nothing so that the players could be paid more.

Morale in the squad is low, also because of the general situation in the country and when the team went on a South American tour recently — on which results were poor — the players, worried about their families, continually rang up home. When the money for long distance phone calls ran out, the players became very nervous and showed it in their play and this is a situation which is going to arise when they leave home to go to Spain also.

El Salvador had to play 13 qualifying matches to reach Spain, being beaten once by Honduras in the first qualifying group and then by Canada in the final round, but of course all their rivals, except Canada, were Central American teams none of whom would stand a chance in Spain.

In their five final round games they socred only two goals in coming second behind Honduras to qualify, although they beat the fancied Mexicans 1-0 to leave them in third place. El Salvador conceeded only one goal and against the opposition provided by the other zone finalists, such as it was, their defence looked good . . . but this did not appear to be so against a couple of Argentine club sides since then.

They faced Boca Juniors in that club's first warm-up match for the season when the Argentine players were hardly match-fit and more recently they also played Argentine second division leaders San Lorenzo. On both occasions El Salvador lost 2-0 and did not look as if they could beat anybody in Spain.

In their only two full internationals this year they won however. In February El Salvador had a surprise 2-1 win over Romania who did not appear to be at full strength and also put up unimpressive performances on the rest of their South American tour.

In April, El Salvador looked good in beating fellow World Cup finalists Honduras whom they had met three times on the way to Spain in qualifying games, winning at home, losing away and drawing on neutral ground. This time El Salvador won 3-2 at home with Gonzalez scoring two for the winners . . . but then Honduras are nothing to write home about either. The return match (away) was drawn 1-1.

Coach Rodriguez however thinks he has a good defensive system with defenders Osorto, Jovel and Recinos in front of young goalkeeper Mora (mentioned apart) and Jaime Rodriguez as a libero, while he hopes the individual skills and inspiration of Huezo and Gonzalez (also mentioned apart) will help up front.

Header

Osorto is fast, Jovel can be dangerous advancing up the centre and is a good header in front of goal while Recinos is also fond of going up, but all three will probably have their work cut out in defence during the World Cup . . . or else let through a bag full of goals. Rodriguez has been playing in German league soccer, although in the second division, and his experience of European conditions could help in Spain.

From what I saw of El Salvador however, their play was slow as a team, they did not mark very well and seemed to lack creative instinct to produce goal chances.

Team officials say that their objective was accomplished by qualifying for Spain and that also seems to be the attitude of the players who also hope they can improve on the performance put up by El Salvador in their only

Eusebio Acasuzo of Peru.

Peru still waiting for their wingers

PERU, before leaving on a warm-up tour – which started so disastrously with a 5-1 defeat by the New York Cosmos on artificial turf – played Chile home and away with results showing that the comparative strength of the teams was about equal.

Chile won 2-1 in Santiago and Peru were 1-0 victors in Lima. The surprise was however that while South American qualifiers for the World Cup all preferred clean soccer (as mentioned in WORLD SOCCER) and were talking about forming a combined front against rough play, the first encounter was particularly rough and there was talk of cancelling the second meeting.

Advantage

Technically Peru seemed to hand the advantage to Chile in the first match by playing virtually without wingers and centralising play too much. On the other hand, Peru's first choice wingers, Oblitas and Barbadillo (playing in Belgium and Mexico respectively), had not joined the team at the time and at press time it seemed doubtful that Barbadillo would, in view of his transfer from Mexico's Universidad de Nuevo Leon to Italian club Avelund.

As for Chile, their play was slow and lacking suprise.

In the first match, Peru's veteran World Cup striker, Osvaldo "Cachito" Ramirez made a 15-minute farewell appearance.

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previous World Cup final appearance in Mexico in 1970. On that occasion they lost 3-0 to Belgium, 4-0 to Mexico and 2-0 to the Soviet Union to finish bottom of their first round group with no points and no goals. This time they are in what looks one of the toughest groups with holders Argentina, European vice-champions Belgium and Hungary . . . so even this hope may prove beyond them.

EL SALVADOR line up in the World Cup qualifying group play-offs. Back: Jose Huezo, Francisco Osorto, Miguel Angel Diaz, Jose Jovel, Luis Mora, Francisco Ever Hernandez. Front: Jorge Gonzalez, Carlos Recinos, Mauricio Alfaro, Oscar Guerro, Joaquin Alonso.

AUSTRIA by Arthur Rotmil

More managers receive the chop

FOLLOWING the sacking of Karl Stotz, despite the fact that he took the national team into the World Cup finals, the two most famous Austrian clubs have also fired their team managers, although they were occupying the top places in the league at the time!

This is becoming a peculiar habit in Austria, where not even the most successful managers can be sure of keeping their job. First, the FK Austria, four times running League champions, dismissed their team chief Erich Hof.

He said: "I was three years with FK Austria. In that time we won the championship twice and the cup once. Only in European competitions my team didn't do well. But I still can't understand that this was enough reason for my dismissal."

Next, Rapid fired Walter Skocik, their former player, associated with the club for many years. Rapid's management explained: "Following the unnecessary loss of vital points, there was disagreement between the team coach and the players. That is why it was decided to part with Skocik." Rumour has it that Dr. Josef Venglos, the National team chief of Czechoslovakia will take over Rapid next season.

Yet, FK Austria and Rapid are the only contenders for the championship left, but it will be a new man in charge who will reap the reward. FK Austria' new team manager is the Czech Wenzel Halama, who was formerly in charge of Grazer AK, move last season to 1860 Munich (West Germany's Second Division club) and has now returned to Austria.

Five team managers have now been given the sack in the First Division this season. The latest was Erhard Wieger from VOEST Linz; he got his marching orders after the 0-3 defeat by GAK.

Two top Hungarian players are all set to join Austrian clubs next season. Laszlo Balint, the national team's sweeper, who is playing for the French Second Division club Toulouse, wants to be nearer home. Joseph Toth another international defender has already received permission from the Hungarian F.A. to join FK Austria after the World Cup finals. Balint and Toth will join the "foreign legion" from other Eastern European countries (Czechs, Bulgarians and Yugoslavs) currently earning their keep in Austrian football.

In the Cup semi-finals FK Austria beat Grazer AK only in a penalty decider after the score was 1-1 a.e.t. Wacker Innsbruck put out the other Graz club, Sturm, by 2-1. In the first leg of the final Innsbruck lost to Austria at home 0-1; the odds are on the Viennese clinching the trophy for the 21st time.

Men in the news: The 32-year-old Uruguayan Alberto Martinez from Wiener Sportklub. He started here with FK Austria, moved on to VOEST and returned to Vienna. A few months ago he became an Austrian citizen, but he will not be able to play for his adopted country because he already represented Uruguay. Martimez has impressed with fine displays recently but his international career is finished.

"Man of the hour" is goalkeeper Klaus Lindenberger from Linzer ASK. The 24-year-old reminds everybody of the great Sepp Maier of Bayern Munich fame. In fact Maier is Lindenberger's great idol and he has even donned specially cut long shorts to look like Maier, the famous West German international 'keeper.

Lindenberger, who is Number 3 in Austria behind Koncilia and Feurer says: "Maier was always my great inspiration. Not only because of his goalkeeping class, but also his attitude in general. He knew that fans wanted to be entertained and he gave them plenty of that." That is why Lindenberger is a showman often diving, when a stoop would be sufficient to gather the ball.

The blond six-footer played a "blinder" in the Under-21 international against Bulgaria "That was certainly my best ever match. I think it was then that the national team manager decided I was ready for the senior team. Lindenberger's father was also a first class goallie and he wants his son to progress, perhaps by moving abroad. Bayern Munich have already watched him several times.

"My first target is to make the World Cup party to Spain, the second to join a famous club, preferably Bayern," says Lindenberger. He got his first cap in the last international in which Austria beat Czechoslovakia by 2-1. It was their first victory over the neighbour for 19 years! Lindenberger was only beaten in the last minute by Jakubec, but he did enough to satisfy the critics.

Austria's hero was Walter Schachner who scored both goals. National team boss Georg Schmidt was pleased, as he had to replace Pezzey and Hintermeier not released by their West German clubs who had league matches in midweek. The watching German team manager Jupp Derwall was particularly impressed with Schachner and with Krankl. But the midfielders Prohaska and Jara were also in fine form.

Schmidt has just five places left to complete his squad. The forwards Jurtin (Sturm Graz, four caps), Steinkogler (FK Austria, 3), Oberacher (AZ 67 Alkmaar, 6), and Keglevits (Rapid, 4), plus the defenders Pregessbauer (Rapid, 2), Brauneder (Wiener SK), the recently injured Mirnegg (Como, 15), Koreimann (Wacker Innsbruck) and Messländer (Admira) are still hoping.

Only 16,000 fans turned out on a cold, windy evening to watch the match v. Czechoslovakia in the old Prater stadium, which is in urgent need of repairs. The 52-year-old ground will have to be rebuilt, but the city council has no money, so that the famous arena may have to be closed. Another famous ground in Vienna has been levelled. The "Pfarrwiese", home of record champions Rapid, is no more. After 70 years the stadium so rich in tradition, will be converted into a park and riding centre. The end of a "legend" as the Austrian papers nostalgically reported.

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Result pleases not Germany's

IN the last home international before the World Cup finals the national team defeated Czechoslovakia by 2-1 in Cologne. It was a well deserved, yet fortuitous victory achieved by a dubious penalty award for alleged hands by the Czechoslovak defender Bicovski.

He was also the scorer of the equalising goal, after local hero Littbarski had given the Germans the lead with a fine header following a corner.

Breitner calmly converted the spotkick to keep the team's unbeaten record against European sides now stretching for nearly four years. As in previous internationals this year, the Germans were again weakened by the absence of several stars.

The midfielders Magath, Schuster and Müller were injured, while Stielike was not released by Real Madrid who were engaged in the Spanish cup final. In fairness it must be pointed out, that the Czechs missed their indisposed midfielders Panenka, Berger and Kozak.

Manager Jupp Derwall was pleased with the result, but not entirely with the performance; the succession of missed chances must have made him wince. Fischer never really got into the game, Rummenigge did not have one of his better days, perhaps he played too soon after his lay-off through injury. Only Littbarski enhanced his reputation in attack. Even the settled and reliable defence showed signs of indecision (they missed the guidance of Stielike) which against a more powerful forward line could have proved costly.

It is now clear that Bernd Schuster the highly talented midfielder will not play in the World Cup. He had to undergo another operation on his knee in April and this effectively ends all speculation about his fitness for Spain.

Derwall, one feels, must at least be relieved that the uncertainty and possible unrest within the squad over Schuster's proposed "comeback", has been resolved. The team chief incidentally extended his contract for another four years, which will take him up to and including the next World Cup finals! This is indeed a vote of confidence for the man who has done so well since 1978 and he can continue to work, assured that whatever happens in Spain, he will still have a job.

In the title race Bayern Munich began losing ground last month after crashing at home to Hamburg, while Cologne also kept up their challenge. Hamburg had problems when Magath was put out of action for two months following a knee operation. His return coincided with a fine run which took the club into the final of the UEFA Cup.

Hamburg overcame the surprise team of the competition Radnicki Nis (Yugoslavia) on a 6-3 aggregate and met the other outsiders IFK Gothenberg, in the two-legged final. The club reported gross takings from their five UEFA Cup home ties of £550,000. They drew 18,200 fans v. Utrecht, 34,000 v. Bordeaux, 45,600 v. Aberdeen, 15,570 v. Neuchatel and 38,500 v. Radnicki.

Franz Beckenbauer, who had a bad match against Neuchatel in the UEFA Cup home leg, and in fact got "the bird" from the crowd for the first time in his career, asked team manager Ernst Happel not to regard him as a regular first teamer, but only pick him in an emergency.

But Franz has had a change of heart which cost him dearly. After an unfortunate collision with his own team captain Hrubesch he suffered from kidney bleeding and had to be rushed to hospital. He was supposed to have remained in care for at least three weeks. This accident effectively ended his active career and probably thwarted hopes of winning the only trophy which had eluded him, the UEFA Cup.

Hamburg signed Alan Hansen, Denmark's leading goal scorer last season and "Footballer of the Year". He cost only £18,000 from Odense, but he will receive a salary of £40,000. The transfer came about through the contacts Hamburg's other Dane Lars Bastrup has in his country.

Cologne's performances have been erratic to say the least, but the club have had problems of blending their expensive strikers together. Dutch team boss Rinus Michels was even forced to put the internationals Fischer and Allofs on the reserve bench, while he persevered with Woodcock.

Meszoly criticises attitude of some Hungarian players

FOLLOWING the lukewarm Australia-New Zealand tour, Hungary's World Cup "warm-up" matches were disappointing.

They started well enough with an easy victory against F.C. Antwerp in the Nep Stadium, where in front of 25,000 people, with some of their foreign legionnaires in the team, they won 8-2! Fazekas, who plays for Antwerp, lined-up with the Hungarians in this match, and he scored a goal against his own club.

Nyilasi (3), Csongradi, Muller, Kiss and Balint were the other goalgetters.

But the real test came against Austria at home a week later in the 125th meeting between these neighbouring countries. Austria were the better team in the first half, and in the 32nd minute, Krankl scored for them. Schachner netted a brilliant goal in the 48th minute, and three minutes later, Hattenberger's shot surprised Meszaros, who dived much too late.

At 3-0 to Austria, Hungary began to play with more verve and ambition. Varadi scored from a free-kick, and later, Nyalis made it 3-2. Kiss missed a sitter, Pezzey saved the Austrians from further setbacks and Hungary were beaten.

Kalman Meszoly wasn't too downhearted after the defeat. He said: "We fought back well and it was a highly entertaining game. I am still optimistic because we have time to iron out the wrinkles."

Nevertheless, a further home game was arranged in haste against Peru, and as this match was played on a Sunday, no foreign-based player was available. Hungary used several newcomers in an experimental line-up. But though Cazar Szentes, the Raba Eto player, scored in the very first minute in his international debut, the Peruvians were too clever. Uribe netted twice for another disappointing 1-2 scoreline.

Meszoly severely criticised the attitude of some of his players, who didn't take advantage of the opportunity to press their World Cup claims. Two home defeats in two full internationals certainly don't augur well for Hungary's chances in Spain, but sometimes everything goes wrong in the dress rehearsal but the performance itself is a roaring success.

We'll see, but I do worry about a defence which concedes seven goals in three matches . . .

The league title has been won, surprisingly, by Raba Eto, the small provincial club. They owed success to an exciting victory over closest rivals Ferencvaros in front of a full house of 30,000 people at Ulloi-Uti. The teams lined-up: Ferencvaros: Zsiboras — Jancsika, Beles (Koch), Rab, Takacs — Nyilasi, Ebedli, Pogany — Szabadi (Mortel), Szokolai, Poloskei. Raba Eto: Kovacs — Csonka (Burcsa), Hlagyvik, Szijarto, Magyar — Hannich, Poczik, Mile (Glazer) — Szabo, Szentes, Hajszan.

"Fradi" opened the game with a series of attacks, and in the 12th minute, following a Nyilasi-Pogany move, Szabadi headed into the net. The home team could have scored more often in the first half, but Kovacs was playing well in the Raba goal.

After the break, the visitors began to play with the verve and imagination they had displayed all season. Burcsa equalised, and in the 55th minute, after a brilliant move, Szentes scored. Ten minutes later, Szijarto made it 3-1, and shortly afterwards, the desperate Ferencvaros missed a penalty when Rab's shot was saved by Kovacs. Nevertheless, Pogany made it 3-2, Hajszan scored again for Raba Eto, and an Ebedli goal in the 85th minute only served as a consolation: 4-3 to the visitors, a sensational result from an excellent match.

Coach Jozsef Verebes deserves all the praise for building a hard-hitting, entertaining team at Gyor, and this victory meant that they had won the championship for the second time in the club's history. Ferencvaros finished second and Tatabanya third.

Ujpest Dozsa collapsed after their Cup triumph and were beaten by Ferencvaros 5-0 (!) and by Honved 3-0. Ozd, Szeged and Volan were relegated, and Nyiregyhaza will take part in the play-off with the three divisional champions for two places in the top flight — next season there will be only 16 teams in the Hungarian Division.

The Cup Final was played at neutral Szekszard, where an 18,000 crowd saw Dozsa beat Videoton 2-0. Surprisingly, "Vidi" were the favourites, but didn't play well and Birkas scored twice for the winners. Dozsa represent Hungary in next season's Cup Winners' Cup. Raba Eto will be in the European Cup, Ferencvaros and Tatabanya in the UEFA Cup.

Derwall but performance

from Arthur Rotmil

The England striker regained his best form in the second half of the season. His hat-trick against Bayer Leverkusen came just at the right time for he was about to have talks with the management over a possible extension of his contract.

The 20 times capped forward joined Cologne in November 1979 from Nottingham Forest for £650,000 and he is still the most expensive player in the Bundesliga.

Arsenal and Liverpool were said to be interested in Woodcock, who said that he wanted to return to English football because he liked it and because he was an Englishman. It is no secret that Woodcock wanted to gain a permanent place in the national team.

He has had to refuse Ron Greenwood three times since his move to Cologne, on account of club commitments. This has obviously prejudiced his chances of playing regularly in the England team. Woodcock apparently earns a basic £75,000 plus £25,000 from promotions in Cologne. It is more than doubtful that any English club could afford to pay him that much.

Kaiserslautern's unlucky exit from the UEFA Cup reverberated around the Betzenberg for some time. After drawing 1-1 at home the same score in Gothenberg caused extra time in which the "Pfälzer" bitterly complained that a totally unjustified penalty was given against them. They were so keen to join Hamburg in an all-German final, but, alas, their hopes were shattered by what they claim was a diabolical decision by referee Jushka from Russia.

Team manager Karl-Heinz Feldkamp who has been in charge for nearly four years, is leaving at the end of the season to take over Borussia Dortmund. His place will be taken by Rudi Kröner (41) as from next season. He is at present with Second Division Hessen Kassel and has accepted a two-year contract.

Kaiserslautern have signed striker Thomas Allofs (22), younger brother of the international Klaus (Cologne), from Fortuna Düsseldorf for £250,000. The club's former international and schemer Hannes Bongartz has extended his contract for another two years. Kaiserslautern are still looking for new strikers and they are said to be interested in Dieter Schatzschneider (24), from Second Division Hannover '96', the most prolific scorer in German professional football with 32 goals in 33 games, so far this season.

The "Pfälzer" are also linked with the Swede Torbjörn Nilsson (Gothenburg) who has caused such a furore in the UEFA Cup this term, as well as with Zdenek Nehoda, the veteran Czech, who is hoping to join a Western club after the World Cup finals.

Bruno Pezzey, the brilliant Austrian sweeper is staying with Eintracht Frankfurt, at least for another year; his proposed transfer to Italy's Fiorentina having fallen through. His club colleague Willie Neuberger has established a new mark in West German football. The now 36-year-old utility player became the first to play 500 Bundesliga matches. Neuberger began his career 16 years ago with Borussia Dortmund, moved on to Werder Bremen and Wuppertaler SV, before settling in Frankfurt. There are now 18 players with over 400 appearances in the Bundesliga, some of them already retired from active football.

The DFB have refused Eintracht permission to sign the Czechoslovak Vaclav Jezek as team manager, because he does not hold a German A-Trainer's (manager's) licence. Despite the fact that Jezek led the Czech national team to victory in the European Championship 1976, and has since successfully managed teams in Holland, he was not considered sufficiently qualified. Jezek, who is leaving Feyenoord, is one of the most respected coaches in Europe.

Eintracht's new team manager will be the Austrian Helmut Senekowitsch, (44), who celebrated his greatest success as national team chief of Austria whom he took to the 1978 World Cup finals. Following his resignation he went abroad; he has already coached in Mexico, Spain and lately in Greece.

Bayern Munich won the DFB Cup final in a dramatic encounter with 1.FC Nürnberg by 4-2. The favourites were trailing at half time by 0-2, but goals from Rummenigge, Kraus, Breitner (penalty) and Hoeness gave them the trophy for the sixth time. A capacity crowd of 61,200 who paid £375,000 in Frankfurt's 'Waldstadion' saw this all-Bavarian final, one of the best in recent years in which Bayern, the European Cup finalists, once again demonstrated their class, character and resilience.

But this triumph cannot disguise the fact that Bayern have goalkeeping problems. The veteran Manfred Müller (34) is no longer as reliable as before and has also become injury prone. The younger Walter Junghans (23) has become erratic lately.

In three matches during April, Bayern have conceded four goals (v. CSKA Sofia, Eintracht Frankfurt and Hamberger SV). The fact that in each of these games they scored three goals, was scant consolation. Their 3-4 setback v. Hamburg was their first at home since October 27, 1979, in 43 matches!

The management are now looking for a new keeper for next season. They have opened negotiations with Eike Immel, a 21-year-old who has already played three times in the national side, is currently with Borussia Dortmund and rated the number three in Germany, behind Schumacher and Franke.

Bayern are also said to be interested in the up-and-coming Austrian custodian Klaus Lindenberger (24) and Helmut Roleder (28), but he extended his contract with VfB Stuttgart, for another three years.

Oscar

Scare for Brazil — boss Santana rushed to hospital

BRAZIL had a scare before their final 22-man squad was picked.

Coach Tele Santana, the man who said "being Brazil's national team coach is a good way of growing old quickly" when he took over the job in 1979, was rushed to hospital with pneumonia in mid-April which, doctors said, was the result of stress. He recuperated faster than expected however, and was able to take over his duties at the end of the month again.

The Brazilian squad had to be picked in bits and pieces as teams to which the players belonged were eliminated from the national championship of which the final was only played on April 25.

The following day 21 players were confirmed with a place left open for midfielder Falcao while FA officials travelled to Italy to persuade his club, Roma, to release him.

Just in case, another midfielder, Dirceu, had been called up from Spain's Atletico Madrid and was already in Brazil. Dirceu's late inclusion meant that there were five players from the 1978 World Cup squad — defender Oscar and midfielders Zico, Cerezo and Batista being the others.

The controversial centre-forward position was given to the latest of a long list of players to be tried out — Guarani's Careca who played his only international match against West Germany in Rio in March and he kept out Brazil's leading league scorer, Roberto Dinamita, who had never reproduced his form in the national team. In fact the squad includes only three real forwards, but a host of goal-scoring midfielders such as Zico, Socrates and Renato.

When the squad finally started training at the end of April at a training camp near Belo Horizonte, the first thing on the agenda was heading practice for defenders to counteract the aerial play of European teams and intensive shooting practice for forwards as one of Brazil's weaknesses had been poor finishing and marksmanship.

Injuries strike a blow to hopes of the Soviet Union

INJURIES struck a major blow to the Soviet national team's position among the World's Cups most feared dark horses.

And they came within days of each other.

First came the news that Tbilisi's David Kipiani, one of the most accomplished midfield generals in European football, had quit the game; then came confirmation that Leonid Buryak might be a doubtful starter because of injury in a league game.

Kipiani suffered a broken thigh last summer in a pre-season tournament game against Real Madrid — ironically in the very Estadio Bernabeu where the World Cup Final will be played.

He returned to fitness to line up for Tbilisi in the Cup-winners' Cup semi-final against Standard Liege. But after the holders' elimination and further tests, Kipiani told national manager Konstantin Beskov that his leg could no longer stand the pressure of top football. Not only would he miss the World Cup, he was being forced to retire from the game altogether.

Days later Buryak, the Kiev midfielder whose understanding with Oleg Blokhin is so important to the Soviet cause, was hurt. He faces a fitness fight to be ready for later matches in the World Cup, though it seems certain he will not be ready for the Soviets' first — decisive — game against favourites Brazil in Seville on June 14.

All this bad news overshadowed the surprising public criticism of the national squad which Beskov had voiced a little earlier.

While everyone else both at home and abroad was thinking the current Soviet side is one of the best ever and could even win the Cup, Beskov said it has serious weaknesses and is in poor form.

In an interview with *Pravda*, he said the squad must improve performances drastically to have any success in Spain. He complained that in warm-up matches the defence was often suspect and scoring chances were not created.

The mediocre start to the League season of the Dynamo sides of Tbilisi and Kiev worries him, for players from these two teams form the backbone of his national team. Both sides are languishing halfway in the table.

He mentioned by name the golden boy of Soviet football, Kiev's Blokhin, and Tbilisi striker Ramaz Shengelia, both of whom could be expected to set the World Cup alight if in form. Both clubs were also disappointing in European competition, Tbilisi relinquishing the Cup-winners' Cup (knocked out by Standard Liege) and Kiev going out tamely to Aston Villa in the European Cup.

Standards

"There are still serious weak spots in our national side," Beskov said. "So far, not everything has been done to reach the standards set by the world's leading teams."

And this is after possibly the most thorough preparation of all the sides who will appear in Spain. Over a dozen friendlies were played, including tours of Argentina and Spain. Stamina at least seems to have been proved when they came from two goals down five minutes from time to draw 2-2 with a combined Real Madrid-Castilla team.

In an earlier interview, Beskov singled out Tbilisi defender Alexandr Chivadze as one of the best players in the world. Indeed, Chivadze's emergence in the last couple of years has been a striking feature of Soviet football. Aged 26, he was voted Soviet Player of the Year in 1980. He is good with his head in both senses, has fine techniques and positional skill and is dangerous going forward.

Beskov chose him to be national team captain after he played a prominent part in Tbilisi's aggregate victory over Liverpool in the first round of the European Cup in 1979, a victory which began with Chivadze dribbling the ball all the way from his own goal-line to score.

"I was, above all, attracted by his temperament and acute awareness of the game," Beskov said. "I never doubted that he would be a leading player." The Georgian players, individualists by temperament, developed a taste for teamwork largely due to Chivadze, so both the Tbilisi club and the national side owe him a lot.

Surprise early leaders in the Supreme League are Pakhtakor Tashkent, who finished bottom last year but did not go down because of an exemption from relegation granted after their entire first team squad was killed in an air crash three years ago.

The exemption was for three years, to give them time to rebuild, so this is the first year since the crash that they could go down. Given that incentive to avoid the drop, the players seem to be going all out to prove they deserve a place in the top flight. About half of last year's side is still around, the remainder being new faces.

They began tamely enough, with a goalless draw at Moscow Torpedo. But then they beat the Central Army Sports Club 1-0 in a match in which they looked far and away the better side.

Juventus claim new record

by Keir Radnedge

WITH HUGE irony it was a Liam Brady penalty which lifted Juventus that last step up to claim their record 20th Italian league championship with a single-goal away victory over Catanzaro.

Brady, of course, already knew that next season he will be surplus to requirements following the Turin club's £2.5 million joint capture of Poland's Zbigniew Boniek and France's Michel Platini from Widzew Lodz and Saint-Etienne respectively.

That's some forward line Juve will line up next season: Galderisi (or Marocchino), Boniek, Paolo Rossi, Platini and Bettega! It will mean that within a couple of months they will have introduced to their team three of the world's greatest players.

Boniek, Platini and . . . Rossi. The brilliantly nimble centre forward made his reappearance after a two-year suspension in a startling 5-1 victory over Udinese, three matches from the season's end.

His arrival made up for further bad news on the state of Roberto Bettega's knee, damaged against Anderlecht in the Champions' Cup last autumn and which makes him a doubt for the World Cup finals.

Finally, after beating Catanzaro, Juve thus finished one point clear of the bright and entertaining young Fiorentina, with Roma, Napoli and Internazionale next in the order but never in the chase.

At the bottom of the table Como's relegation had been obvious for months. But with them go two of Italian football's greatest names. Milan are one. Promoted from the second division only a year ago after being relegated for their involvement in the betting and bribes scandal, they now go back the conventional way.

So do Bologna — relegated for the first time in their history after half a dozen years teetering on the brink.

Relegation thus ended any further plans either club had for taking advantage of the change of rules to allow clubs to field a second foreigner.

Elsewhere there has been plenty of business. Juventus weren't the only club out in the world with a cheque book. Fiorentina landed Argentina's World Cup skipper Daniel Passarella, while Napoli have signed fellow-countryman Ramon Angel Diaz, the River Plate centre-forward.

The only snag is that Napoli have to prove to the league that their accounts are in order and they have the money both to pay the transfer fee with a minimum of fuss and pay the player.

Other new names on their way after the World Cup include Hansi Müller (to Internazionale) and Ivica Surjak (to Udinese from Paris SG). Another Yugoslav, Safet Susic, has also been signed . . . by cup final rivals Inter and Torino!

Inter signed him to use in transfer bargaining with other clubs during the domestic-players-only market, but Torino claim he's their player. Susic himself went home to Yugoslavia wondering what sort of football he's let himself in for!

In all the fuss over the transfer wheeling and dealing, the World Cup was pushed into the background. Now, with the season over, Enzo Bearzot comes into his own . . . but in all honesty Italy will not go to the World Cup among the favourites, even as far as their own fans are concerned.

Defeated both by France and East Germany so far this year, and with Bearzot's planning hampered by injuries and suspensions the prospects are not bright. But then, it was in a state of unambitious uncertainty that Italy went to Argentina, four years ago.

from
Terry Bushell

As Moscow was still in the grip of the Russian winter, the first match was played indoors and the second at Lvov. Following Tashkent's defeat of the army club they beat Donetsk Shakhtyor and Krasnodar Kuban, both 2-1. Striker Amriyev played particularly well in both these games, scoring both goals against Kuban and laying on both against Donetsk.

Nuritdin Amriyev, 23, joined Pakhtakor from Dushanbe Pamir after the crash but was only drafted into the first team this season because of an injury to the established centre-forward, club captain Andrei Yakubik.

Pakhtakor slipped up a bit after these victories, dropping a point in a goalless draw at Dnepr and losing 2-0 at newly-promoted Metallist Kharkov. They then reasserted their position however with a 3-2 home win over Neftchi Baku. So, after seven matches, Pakhtakor led the table with ten points. Ararat Yerevan were lying second with nine points, followed by Dynamo Minsk, Spartak and Kairat Alma-Ata with eight each.

Dismissals

Discipline is again troubling the authorities, as it was last year. In the opening matches there were no less than three dismissals and 40 warnings. I do not think this is as bad as it sounds however. Referees in Russia are stricter than elsewhere, that is all.

But one player really did go too far — and duly got punished for it. Vagiz Khidiyatulin of the Moscow army club CSKA not only swore at a referee but threatened him. Khidiyatulin has a bad disciplinary record, going back to his days with Spartak; and this was the last straw. He was banned for ten matches. The newspaper *Trud* tore into him, saying he does not need simple "remedial treatment" but treatment for "star disease." In other words, he has got too big for his (football) boots. Amazingly, CSKA's management pleaded for a "suspended sentence" which of course is no sentence at all.

The sentence did not stop him playing for the Soviet side that lost 4-3 at home to West Germany in the first leg of their semi-final in the European Under-21 championship. Khidiyatulin, 23, played as an over-age player.

Torpedo Vladimir were expelled from the second division for violating "moral-ethical norms of behaviour and showing shortcomings in political work" — in other words, bribery and corruption. The club's manager, two trainers, six players and several officials were banned from top football.

THE Soviet line-up before the 1-1 draw with Czechoslovakia in the World Cup qualifiers. Back: Oleg Blokhin, Leonid Buryak, Yuri Susloparov, Renat Dassayev, Anatoly Demyanenko, Andrei Bal. Front: Tengiz Sulakvelidze, Sergei Borovsky, Ramas Shengelia, Vitaly Daraselia, Yuri Gavrilov.

Menotti chooses men to defend Argentina's crown

from
Eric Weil

WHEN Cesar Menotti chose his 22 men at the end of April to defend the World Cup in Spain, he clearly showed his worry over the lack of wingers and wing play in recent games.

The squad was pretty much as expected, but after 25 players had been in hard training at special training camps since mid-February, Menotti picked wingers Jorge Valdano and Santiago Santamaria from outside the 25.

Santamaria, though originally picked, had not joined the squad in February due to private problems which have apparently been fixed up since then. Valdano, playing for Spain's Zaragoza, had been called back at the beginning of April for a 30-day trial with the squad and had played part of one international match against the Soviet Union in Buenos Aires. Valdano had previously played under Menotti in a national junior team which won a tournament in France in 1975 — together with a number of players of the present squad — but had played no other full internationals.

The 22 include 11 who were in the 1978 World Cup squad (including two goalkeepers, Fillol and Baley, of whom the latter did not play) and two from the 1974 World Cup squad — Fillol and Kempes. Fillol played in the last match in West Germany then, but Kempes was only a reserve.

As mentioned in previous *World Soccer* issues, Menotti can line up the same defence (including goal) and midfield as in 1978 — Fillol, Olguin, Passarella, Galvan, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Kempes. The changes would be in front where Luque and Ortiz have gone, but Bertoni was, at press time, still being awaited from his Italian club, Fiorentina. River Plate is the club with most players in the 22 — seven — and one of them, midfielder Gallego, is the most capped player with 71.

Ten days earlier Argentina had gone through their sixth international match without a win — five of them had been at home and one on neutral ground — but in holding the not full strength Soviet Union team to a 1-1 draw at the River Plate stadium where four years earlier they had won the World Cup, they put up their best performance for over a year — since Ardiles' last match.

"Ossie" Ardiles, playing his first match in the national team after his return from English soccer, completely changed the side and brought back some hope that Argentina might have a chance of successfully defending the title. In fact Argentina deserved to win this match. The first time Ardiles got away with the ball — after a couple of minutes — Argentina almost scored. From then on he nearly always seemed to have the ball. He passed it up, he passed it back, he passed it sideways and to where ever there was an open space and apart from creating order in midfield, he seemed to manoeuvre the whole Argentine team around.

The Russians appeared surprised. They were expecting a team revolving around Maradona and they found Ardiles the centre of things, but they never caught up with the little player who brought all his dynamic English league play back with him. With Ardiles, Argentina showed more precision in their passing, started attacks faster, with more surprise, and pressed all over the field. they also ran more and controlled the ball and play.

Argentina had four good goal chances . . . with Maradona and Kempes coming closest . . . against none by the Soviets during the first 40 minutes. Every time the play went through Ardiles. The goal finally came three minutes from half-time with Diaz being the scorer. The question was would Argentina keep up the rhythm in the second half.

Ardiles did — he was all over the field — but some of the others did not, Valdano among them and he was substituted by Hernandez, but after a quiet start Argentina continued to have most of the goal chances and the play. Yet one fast counter-attack, the Soviet Union's best play of the evening, saw Oganessian head in the equaliser after 23 minutes. It looked simple with a couple of fast passes, but it was an Argentine defensive mistake as Passarella and Gallego seemed rooted to the ground after a bad pass by Kempes.

Argentina deserved a winner. Passarella hit a post after 32 minutes and then Maradona sent a shot just over the bar. In fact Argentina had 12 straight shots at goal in the second half.

WORLD CUP SQUADS

ARGENTINA (22)

Goalkeepers: Ubaldo Fillol (River Plate), Hector Baley (Talleres Córdoba), Nery Pumpido (Velez Sarsfield).

Backs: Jorge Olguin (Independiente), Luis Galvan (Talleres Córdoba), Daniel Passarella (River Plate), Alberto Tarantini (River Plate), Julio Olarticoechea (River Plate), Enzo Trossero (Independiente), Jose Van Tuyne (Racing).

Halves: Osvaldo Ardiles (Tottenham, England), Americo Gallego (River Plate), Diego Maradona (Boca Juniors/Argentinos Juniors), Juan Barbas (Racing), Patricio Hernandez (Estudiantes de La Plata), Daniel Valencia (Talleres Córdoba.

Forwards: Daniel Bertoni (Fiorentina, Italy), Ramón Diaz (River Plate), Mario Kempes (River Plate), Jorge Valdano (Zaragoza, Spain), Gabriel Calderon (Independiente), Santiago Santamaria (Newell's Old Boys).

BELGIUM

Goalkeepers: Custers (Espanol Barcelona), De Coninck (Waregem), Lauryssen (Gand), Munaron (Anderlecht), Pfaff (Beveren), Preud'homme (Standard Liège).

Defenders: Baecke (Beveren), Clisjsters (Tongres), Criel (Gand), De Groote (Anderlecht), De Schrijver (Lokeren), De Vriese (RWD Molenbeek), De Wolf (RWD Molenbeek), Gerest (Standard Liège), Mariman (Antwerp), Meeuws (Standard Liège), L. Millecamps (Waregem), Plessers (Standard Liège), Querter (Cercle Bruges), Renquin (Anderlecht, Somers (Lokeren).

Midfield: Cluytens (Anderlecht), Coeck (Anderlecht), Daerden (Standard Liège), Janssen (Waterschei), M. Millecamps (Waregem), Mommens (Lokeren), Theunis (Winterslag), Vandereycken (Gènes), Van Moor (Beveren), Verheyen (Lokeren).

Attack: Bosch (Lierse), Ceulemans (FC Bruges), Czerniatynski (Antwerp), Guerts (Anderlecht), Hoste (Tongres), Vanden Bergh (Lierse), Van der Elst (West Ham, England), Vandersmissen (Standard Liège), Vercauteren (Anderlecht).

BRAZIL (22)

Goalkeepers: Valdir Peres (Sao Paulo), Paulo Sergio (Botafogo), Carlos (Ponte Preta).

Defenders: Edevaldo (Internacional), Edinho (Fluminense), Oscar (Sao Paulo), Juninho (Ponte Preta), Luizinho (Atletico Mineiro), Pedrinho (Vasco da Gama), Junior (Flamengo), Leandro (Flamengo).

Midfield: Toninho Cerezo (Atletico Mineiro), Renato (Sao Paulo), Socrates (Corintians), Dirceu (Atletico Madrid, Spain), Zico (Flamengo), Paulo Isidoro (Gremio), Batista (Gremio), Falcao (Roma, Italy — if released).

Forwards: Serginho (Sao Paulo), Eder (Atletico Mineiro), Careca (Guarani).

CAMEROON (27)

Goalkeepers: Bell (Africa Sports Abidjan), N'Kono (Canon), Tchobang (Dynamo).

Defence: Aoudou (Cannes), Doumbe Lea (Union), Enoka (Dynamo), Kaham (Quimper), Nbom (Canon), Ndjeya (Union), Ndjoga (Dynamo), Onana (Fédéral), Toube (Tonnerre).

Midfield: Abega (Canon), Enanga (Union), Kamba (Union), Kunde (Canon), Mbida (Canon), Nyamsi (Union), Tokoto (Philadelphie, USA).

Attack: Bahoken (Cannes), Bep (Union), Eongue (Tonnerre), Eyobo (Dynamo), Manga Onguene (Canon), Maya (Thonon), Milla (Bastia), Nguea (Canon).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Goalkeepers: Seman (Lokomotiv Kosice), Hruska (Bohemians Prague), Stromsik (Dukla Prague).

Defenders: Jakubec (Bohemians Prague), Barmos (Inter Bratislava), Kukucka (Plastika Nitra), Fiala (Dukla Prague), Vojacek (Banik Ostrava), Jurkemik (Inter Bratislava), Radimec (Banik Ostrava).

Midfield: Kozak (Dukla Prague), Bicovsky (Bohemians Prague), Stambacher (Dukla Prague), Panenka (Rapid Vienne), Berger (Sparta Prague).

Attack: Kriz (Dukla Prague), Chaloupka (Bohemians Prague), Vizek (Dukla Prague), Janecka (Zbrojovka Brno), Masny (Slovan Bratislava), Valek (Banik Ostrava), Nehoda (Dukla Prague), Danek (Banik Ostrava), Petrzela (Slavia Prague).

ENGLAND

Goalkeepers: Ray Clemence (Tottenham), Joe Corrigan (Manchester City), Peter Shilton (Nottm. Forest).

Defenders: Viv Anderson (Nottm. Forest), Phil Neal (Liverpool), Mick Mills (Ipswich), Kenny Sansom (Arsenal), Terry Butcher (Ipswich), Steve Foster (Brighton), Alvin Martin (West Ham), Russell Osman (Ipswich), Phil Thomson (Liverpool), Dave Watson (Stoke).

Midfield: Trevor Brooking (West Ham), Alan Devonshire (West Ham), Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Graham Rix (Arsenal), Brian Robson (Manchester Utd.), Ray Wilkins (Manchester Utd.).

Attack: Peter Barnes (Leeds Utd.), Steve Coppell (Manchester Utd.), Trevor Francis (Manchester City), Paul Goddard (West Ham), Kevin Keegan (Southampton), Paul Mariner (Ipswich), Tony Morley (Aston Villa), Cyrille Regis (West Bromwich Albion), Peter Withe (Aston Villa), Tony Woodcock (Cologne).

On standby: Gary Bailey (Manchester Utd.), Steve Perryman (Tottenham), Derek Statham (West Bromwich), Tommy Caton (Manchester City), David Armstrong (Southampton), Sammy Lee (Liverpool), Dennis Mortimer (Aston Villa), Garth Crooks (Tottenham), Eric Gates (Ipswich), Gary Shaw (Aston Villa).

ITALY

Goalkeepers: Dino Zoff (Juventus), Ivano Bordon (Inter), Giovanni Galli (Fiorentina), Franco Tancredi (Roma), Luciano Castellini (Napoli).

Defenders: Giuseppe Baresi (Inter), Giuseppe Bergomi (Inter), Franco Baresi (Milan), Fulvio Collovati (Milan), Mauro Tassotti (Milan), Renzo Contratto (Fiorentina), Pietro Vierchowod (Fiorentina), Antonio Cabrini (Juventus), Claudio Gentile (Juventus), Gretano Scirea (Juventus), Luciano Marangon (Roma), Renato Zaccarelli (Torino).

Midfield: Giancarlo Antognoni (Fiorentina), Daniele Massaro (Fiorentina), Eraldo Pecci (Fiorentina), Evaristo Beccalossi (Inter), Giampiero Marini (Inter), Gabriele Oriali (Inter), Franco Colomba (Bologna), Agostino Di Bartolomei (Roma), Giuseppe Dossena (Torino), Alberto Marchetti (Cagliari), Marco Tardelli (Juventus).

Forwards: Alessandro Altobelli (Inter), Salvatore Bagni (Inter), Roberto Bettega (Juventus), Domenico Marocchino (Juventus), Paolo Rossi (Juventus), Edy Bivi (Catanzaro), Massimo Mauro (Catanzaro), Franco Causio (Udinese), Bruno Conti (Roma), Roberto Pruzzo (Roma), Francesco Graziani (Fiorentina), Franco Selvaggi (Cagliari).

N. IRELAND

Goalkeepers: P. Jennings (Arsenal), J. Platt (Middlesbrough), E. McManus (Stoke), G. Dunlop (Linfield).

Defenders: P. Dixon (Burnley), M. Donaghy (Luton), J. Hagan (Coventry), J. McLelland (Glasgow Rangers), G. McElhinney (Bolton), S. Nelson (Brighton), C. Nicholl (Southampton), J. Nicholl (Toronto Blizzards), J. O'Neill (Leicester), S. O'Neill (Chesterfield), P. Rice (Watford), R. Walsh (Linfield).

Midfield: T. Cassidy (Burnley), J. Cleary (Glentoran), T. Finney (Cambridge), J. Harvey (Hereford), V. Moreland (Tulsa Roughnecks), D. McCreery (Tulsa Roughnecks), S. McIlroy (Stoke), M. O'Neill (Norwich), J. Sloane (Ballymena), T. Sloan (Manchester Utd.).

Attack: T. Anderson (Linfield), G. Armstrong (Watford), N. Brotherston (Blackburn), R. Campbell (Bradford), W. Caskey (Tulsa Roughnecks), T. Cochrane (Middlesbrough), W. Hamilton (Burnley), P. Healy (Coleraine), J. Jameson (Glentoran), G. Mullan (Glentoran), W. Murray (Linfield), D. Spence (Southend), I. Stewart (Queen's Park Rangers), N. Whiteside (Manchester Utd.).

SPAIN

Goalkeepers: Luis Arconada, Javier Urruticoecher, Miguel Angel Gonzalez, Jose Manuel Sempere.

Backs: Jose Ramon Alesanco, Antonio Alvarez, Miguel de Andres, Jose Antonio Camacho, Genaro Celayeta, Rafael Gordillo, Manuel Jimenez, Juan Jose Jimenez, Antonio Maceda, Gerardo Miranda, Juilio Alberto Fernandez, Miguel Tendillo, Santiago Urquiaga, Antonio Goicoecher.

Midfielders: Joaquin Alonso, Miguel Alonso, Jose Alvarez Diego, Ricardo Gallego, Enrqieu Ranos "Quique", Juan Jose Estella, Jose Vicente Sanchez, Enrique Saura, Daniel Solsona, Jesus Maria Zamora.

Forwards: Angel "Pichi" Alonso, Carlos "Santillana" Alonso, Marcos Alonso, Enrique "Quini" Castro, Juan "Juanito" Gomez, Roberto Lopez Ufarte, Enrique Martin, Daniel "Dani" Ruiz, Jesus Satrustegui, Pedro Uralde, Esteban Vigo, Francisco J. Carrasco.

SCOTLAND

Goalkeepers: Rough (Partick), Wood (Arsenal), Leighton (Aberdeen), Thomson (St. Mirren), Stewart (Rangers).

Defenders: McGrain (Celtic), Kennedy (Aberdeen), F. Gray (Leeds), Munro (Sunderland), Stewart (West Ham), Burley (Ipswich), Albiston (Manchester Utd.), Hansen (Liverpool), McLeish (Aberdeen), Miller (Aberdeen), Narey (Dundee Utd.), Evans (Aston Villa), Bremner (Aston Villa), Hegarty (Dundee Utd.).

Midfield: Souness (Liverpool), Hartford (Manchester City), Wark (Ipswich), Aitken (Celtic), Strachan (Aberdeen), Burns (Celtic), Bett (Rangers), McCulloch (Notts. County).

Strikers: Dalglish (Liverpool), Jordon (AC Milan), Gray (Wolves), Archibald (Tottenham), Brazil (Ipswich), Sturrock (Dundee Utd.), McCluskey (Celtic), Johnstone (Rangers), Robertson (Nottm. Forest), Provan (Celtic), Cooper (Rangers), Graham (Leeds).

WEST GERMANY

Goalkeepers: Dieter Burdenski, Bernd Franke, Eike Immel, Harald Schumfcher, Uli Stein.

Defence: Hans-Peter Driegel, Bernd Foerster, Karl-Heinz Foerster, Karl-Heinz Geils, Guergen Groh, Wilfried Hannes, Holger Hieronymus, Manfred Kaltz, Jonny Otten, Uli Stielike, Gerd Strack, Bernd Wehmeyer.

Midfield: Paul Breitner, Wolfgang Dremmler, Stefan Engels, Ralf Falkenmayer, Jimmy Hartwig, Felix Magath, Lothar Matthaeus, Hans Mueller, Holger Willmer.

Attack: Karl Allgoewer, Klaus Allofs, Thomas Allofs, Ronald Borchers, Klaus Fischer, Thomas Von Heesen, Horst Hrubesch, Pierre Littbarski, Frank Mill, Kurt Pinkall, Uwe Reinders, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Rudi Voller, Ronald Worm.

YUGOSLAVIA

Goalkeepers: Dragan Pantelic,* Ratko Sbilar, Ivan Pudar, Marijan Vlak, Aleksandr Stojanovic.

Defenders: Velimir Zajec, Zvonko Zivkovic, Faruh Hadzibegic, Zdravko Borovnica, Zlatko Krmpotic, Zoran Vujovic, Milos Hrstic, Zoran Vorotovic, Petar Brucic, Nikica Klincarski, Bosko Djurovsky, Milovan Obradovic, Nikki Jovanovic, Nenad Stojkovic, Ivo Jerolimov, Ivan Buljan, Djordje Serpak, Marko Elzner.

Midfield: Ivica Surjak, Ivan Gudelj, Vladimir Petrovic, Edhem Dlijvo, Jurica Jerkovic, Momir Bakrac, Mehmed Bazdarevic, Vili Amersek, Marko Mlinaric.

Forwards: Milos Sestic, Zlatko Kranjca, Zoran Maric, Stjepan Deveric, Zlatko Vujovic, Vahid Halilhodzic, Predrag Pasic, Sfat Susic.

*Pantelic is under a year's suspension in France, where he plays for Bordeaux, for attacking a referee and linesman. But Yugoslavia say this does not affect his World Cup availability.

Will French defeat influence England?

by Andre Duclos

HOW much significance are England entitled to place on Peru's 1-0 victory in Paris last April? Should they decide that France, even with Juventus-bound Michel Platini, are not the team they seemed to be in their victory earlier against Italy; or should they beware and reflect first that certain French stars may not have over-exerted themselves, second that Marius Trésor did not figure in the French central defence?

There is just no substitute for the mighty resilience of Trésor, and this was proved in Paris, again. He has force, skill, experience, authority, and if only he were not so subject to injury, there would not be a better stopper-sweeper in the world. England will, certainly find him hard to negotiate if he does play, as he should, in that opening match in Bilbao. Remember that even at an estimated 70 per cent fitness in Argentina, he was still a mighty force in the opening games.

The centre-backs against Peru were Specht of Strasbourg, returning none too happily after a protracted absence from the international team, and Dominique Bathenay, another revenant, who has had an excellent season, metamorphosed from a tough midfielder with a hard shot (remember the one against the bar in the European Cup Final of 1976 in Glasgow?) into a dominating sweeper, with Paris Saint Germain. Not a very good comeback for him, either. But France might well get a great deal more out of Platini and Rocheteau — another Paris S-G man who figured in that final — when it comes to the crunch in Bilbao.

You could hardly blame that loyal and gifted goalkeeper, Dominique Dropsy, for feeling put out when a spiteful section of the Strasbourg crowd booed him on his return to the team, after an absence of over a month, since breaking a hand against Brest. Apart from anything else, he used that left hand to make a fine save against Nancy; and as he says, "I continued to play with a seriously injured hand."

While Dropsy was out of action, his place was taken with much success for six games by Patrick Ottman; Dropsy pays generous tribute both to him and the team. Those barrackers, he says, want to send me to Bordeaux, "although I have two years more of my contract with Strasbourg still to run." Dropsy has not given up hope of making his way into the World Cup Squad. It would be a fitting end to a season which seemed to have gone sour on him.

As though he had not had enough recent problems at Saint Etienne, poor Roby Herbin, their red-headed manager, got back after an April game to find his apartment vandalised and his dog drugged. It was thought that disaffected Saint Etienne supporters might have been at the bottom of it. There has been much turmoil inside the club. But Jean-François Larios who, like Dropsy has a couple of years left to run on his contract and was much coveted by clubs in the States, said that he was, if his requirements were met, prepared to see his contract through. In contrast with another French international midfielder, Bernard Genghini, who, though offered splendid terms to stay with Sochaux, made it clear that he had been offered still better ones elsewhere. Not by any means improbable that he and Larios could be partners next season.

A manager on the move is the able Brest chief, Alain De Martigny, who has seen to it that Brest at least stay up this season. But he is in disaccord with his club, and though he is very discreet in public, he won't be staying. His contract, he explains, was not at an end, but a generous clause allowed him to terminate it at the end of any given season. Which is what he will do.

Dr. Genety, Vice President of Lyon Olympic, the man in charge of sport in the city, resigned from the club in protest against the excessive fees which he feels are being paid for pro footballers. Dr. Genety would like to see them cut down, but what hope is there of that? Still, being a man of principle, he was not going to stay around as an accessory after the fact. The trouble is, as one critic pointed out, that freedom of movement in the European Community has given French players of true quality a trump card. Either pay them the vast salary to which they feel they are entitled, or they will go on and get it elsewhere.

The Saint Etienne crisis may not have been laid to rest. There is no doubt it represented a substantial defeat for the ebullient and autocratic Roger Rocher, who resigned as president after being opposed not only by a powerful group of directors, led by two distinguished advicated, but, almost overtly, by Roby Herbin himself and by the super scouts, Pierre Garonnaire, the man who brought to the club, among so many other stars, Dominique Rocheteau.

Rocher has been running Saint Etienne, with much success by and large, for twenty one years now, and when you have had as long a run as that, it is almost inevitable that you become autocratic. The temptation to be a one man band is almost overwhelming. But by the same token this can engender strong opposition; as indeed it has in the present case. So much so that Rocher had to eschew his usual policy, which may broadly be described as attack being the best form of defence, and rely on sweet reason, not to mention concessions.

When a Greek is not a Greek

From Lou Economopoulos in Athens

IT MAY be all Greek to Juan Ramon Rocha Boublis, but not to the Interior Ministry's Council on Naturalisation.

The Council decided after a three-hour meeting in April that the Panathinaikos midfielder is not Greek — thus after two years of court disputes, putting into jeapardy the playing status of at least another 15 professional players who have come from South America and are listed as Greek citizens.

The decision on Boublis (or Rocha), who played for Boca Juniors paved the way for the Supreme Council for Arbitrating Athletic Differences (ASEAD) to rule that Boublis' registration was invalid and that Panathinaikos be kicked out of the Cup quarter-finals. Also, ASEAD decided that one league point should be deducted.

That decision, which three weeks later was the subject of an appeal which Panathinaikos won caused uproar in Panathinaikos circles and president George Vardinoyannis quit in protest.

After the Panathinaikos-OFI match, the first game after the decision by ASEAD, some 2,000 fans went on the rampage in the centre of Athens. Shop windows were broken, fires were lit and there was looting. Police arrested 25 youths.

Many of the hooligans shouted slogans against the socialist government and fascist salutes were also seen. George Katsifaras, Under Secretary of Sport, said the Boublis issue had taken on political overtones.

"Foreigners playing in teams here as Greeks started during the military dictatorship 15 years ago," said Panathinaikos' acting president John Katsifaras. "The colonels wanted to upgrade soccer by bringing in South Americans and making them Greek citizens. They wanted the people to be fanatical soccer fans to keep their minds off other problems."

The rules say only two foreign players are allowed in each team.

Soft-spoken Blublis, 26, played six seasons with Panathinaikos and claims, as does his team, that he is legally Greek.

"No matter if I never play again, I will not leave Greece," was all he would say to reporters.

Boublis has a certificate, dated August 20, 1975, which verifies that he was born in the Athenian suburb of Aegaleo and Boublis says he emigrated to Argentina with his parents when he was a young boy.

The Boublis case surfaced after a protest by Panathinaikos' arch-rival Olympiakos. Many here believe that it was an act of one shipping tycoon against another. Olympiakos are owned by shipping magnate Stavros Ntaifas. Panathinaikos by the Vardinoyannis brothers.

Boublis was not the only one affected by the ASEAD decision. Julio Losado, 30, midfielder for Olympiakos, was also declared a non-Greek. He has been playing for the Piraeus club for the past five seasons.

"I came to Greece in May, 1972, from my native Uruguay. After five years I asked to become a Greek citizen, which was granted. I served one year in the Greek army. I followed every lawful measure. I feel deeply saddened by the ASEAD decision but I am sure my appeal will succeed," said Losado.

The government said it would investigate into how players received Greek citizenship and will penalise those responsible.

Meanwhile, Olympiakos manager Aleketas Panagoulias and star player Takis Nikoloudis have been informed by authorities that their phones had been bugged!

Olympiakos have also lost star defender Takis Persias for nine months. Persias was operated on in Nottingham, England by Dr. Chris Colton for a leg fracture.

Aris manager Dertmar Cramer will think twice before opening his door now. The West German coach was beaten up by seven youths who attacked him as he answered their knock at his home in Salonica.

Vic Buckingham, manager of Olympiakos in 1974-75 season, was in town in April seeing some old friends. He said "I would like to work again in Greece. But only if the team interested agrees to my terms. When Olympiakos fired me I asked them to give me the $22,000 owned me. They told me I was too anxious. When I told them I would settle for $10,000 they hugged and kissed me."

Panathinaikos, PAOK, Larisa and Corinth are the teams left in the Cup competition. Ironically, Corinth are last in the league and face relegation. In the league Panathinaikos are first with 43 points, one point ahead of Olympiakos. PAOK are third with 41 points and not far behind in fourth place are AEK with 37 points.

No justice for Tottenham as are allowed to kick their w Cup Winners' Cup Final

TOTTENHAM'S elimination from the semi-finals of the European Cup-winners' Cup by Barcelona raised some alarming problems; or perhaps one should say, reawakened them.

In the first leg, at Tottenham, Barcelona were quite simply permitted to kick their way to a draw by an absurdly indulgent referee, Mulder of Holland. In the return game in Barcelona, which I also attended, the East German referee was little better; indeed, little better than a pious fraud.

As Steve Perryman, the little Tottenham captain, remarked to me after the match, it was a bit disappointing, when the official comes into your dressing-room and says he is going to be "severe", to find four fouls taking place in the first couple of minutes. The first of those, a spiteful and deliberate kick, was by Carrasco on Perryman in the very first minute of all.

It is hard to decide which was the less appetising of these two unpleasant legs, but I am in no doubt that once again UEFA's response was almost contemptibly inadequate. They fined Barcelona; but they fined Tottenham, too, after the first game, even if their fine was much smaller.

Rough justice? Justice that appeared to be done? I didn't call it justice at all. Even if Perryman, Miller and Roberts went over the top in the first leg, and even if that cannot be condoned in any way, the fact remains that Barcelona spitefully and cynically set the pattern in the opening minutes, and that Egbert Mulder, who escaped without even a public rebuke, was little better than an accessory after the fact.

Methods

The awful thing about it is that such despicable methods paid; that Barcelona not only got away with it but survived to contest the Final on their own Nou Camp stadium. Mulder's flabby ineptitude, his refusal to book players and send them off till it was far too late, led in the end to Spurs predictably if not excusably taking the law into their own hands.

In Barcelona, his East German counterpart whistled a few fouls in the opening minutes, but was similarly averse to taking names, and stood by while Tottenham's forwards had the bejesus kicked out of them. Olmo's horrible foul on poor Steve Archibald in the first half saw to it that the Scottish striker was of marginal importance for the rest of the match.

When UEFA behave in this sort of way, there is no need to exhume their shameful passivity towards Juventus over the Lobo-Solit affair to condemn them for their inadequacy. Fair's fair. When a referee fails as signally and abominably as Egbert Mulder, when his incapacity allows the aggressors, the offenders, to profit from their misdemeanours, then the very least UEFA can do is to apportion blame where blame belongs.

Spurs' Ricardo Villa is brought down by Barcelona's Manolo (left) and Gerardo watched by Allan Simonsen in the Cup Winners Cup battle at White Hart Lane.

Those games left a most displeasing taste; and confirmed one's persisting reservations about UEFA.

Hans Bangerter, their Secretary, followed that up by saying — or so at least he was publicly quoted — that he would like to ban all English clubs from European competition. That followed the disgraceful excesses of Villa's lunatic fringe in Brussels, and I know full well how Bangerter feels.

But to speak in such terms is surely to pre-empt the looming inquiry and decision. I shall not bore you again by rehearsing my old arguments about what and what does not constitute the agents of a football club; what responsibility they have for fans who have no official connection with the club. Suffice it to say that the problem remains a very difficult one in law; and will become quite horribly difficult in fact when England's barbarian hordes invade Bilbao.

I still fear that there may be deaths in that Basque city as the drunken, intemperate, brawling hordes meet the local police, already edgy and anxious as they fearfully await the next atrocity by the ETA terrorists. These police have but lately emerged from 40 years of Fascist dictatorship, in which police tend to do much as they please. They will be far harder than the Italian police in Turin a couple of years ago, immeasurably harder than the Swiss police who let the English thugs down so lightly in Basel last year. They will reach violently to provocation of such a gratuitous nature, when there is so much more, and so much more serious trouble, to be dealt with. It would not surprise me if there are deaths in Bilbao.

But to look on the happier side, at least there is a prospect of the British International Championship belatedly ending. Once I was all in favour of its continuance as a competition with a fine history and tradition, first of them all; whatever the claims of upstarts such as the Nations Cup. But the brute realities of the game have painted it into a corner, while the bi-annual England v Scotland match at Wembley has become a nightmare. It will be worth scrapping that match just to be rid of the Glaswegian hooligans who infest London; and don't let all those weasel words from Ted Croker delude you that all was sweetness and light on the terraces at Wembley, last year. My eye witnesses tell me that it emphatically and deplorably wasn't.

Crumbling

How will Scotland fare in Spain? I've an idea they may do better than most expect against the Russians, who seem to be crumbling to pieces before our very eyes; not for the first time. As the Scots proved so coruscatingly against Holland four years ago in Argentina, they've the players, the skill and the flair to surprise anybody on their day; and Russian morale seems suspect.

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I AM sorry to have upset that excellent and likeable young David Pleat of Luton — and others there, less objective than he — with my recent strictures about the team and its prospects in the SUNDAY TIMES, but I still think he is worthy of a better club and bigger things: even if they did romp away with the League.

Barcelona ay to

Nor am I prepared to join the strange, sour chorus of criticism against Watford. Terry Venables remarked at Shepherd's Bush, after Watford had held his men to a goalless draw and very nearly beaten them (they should have done) that it was the same old story: "their up and unders against us trying to play football."

Well, Watford do make use, and good use, of the long ball, but on that occasion at least, the only time I had seen them all season, they made light of the problems of the QPR synthetic pitch (that unpredictable horror) and played much better football than their hosts.

The unfortunate thing about them, as their able manager Graham Taylor admits, is that they just cannot finish. They had some wonderful chances against QPR that Easter afternoon, but showed no sign of knowing how to knock them in. In the circumstances, it was perhaps a little ironic that Graham Taylor should be one of the managers to lend his name to the demand that the so called professional foul be punished, when the referee deems a goal has been prevented, by the award of a penalty; and even the sending off of the player guilty of the offence. But if a referee is officiating at a Watford game, how can he ever be certain that a Watford man would have scored?

When the subject was raised in the Press room, Terry Venables wisely opined that the poor referee had enough on his plate already without having to make decisions of that taxing nature.

Robbed

Referees! Oh, referees! After his team's highly dubious 3-2 home win against Newcastle United at Kenilworth Road (United poor lambs were robbed in every way; they even had £600 filched from their dressing room) David Pleat went into a little eulogy about English referees. He had every reason to feel grateful to the fussy little fellow whose ineptitude enabled his struggling team to come back into a game they might have lost.

Luton, without Hill and Moss it is true, went 2-0 down to an ordinary enough Newcastle side who had lost Barton, their centre-half, after 10 minutes, and put Mick Martin the Eire midfielder there. Luton awoke when, after a fearful scrimmage on the half-way line, when the referee appeared to ignore a myriad of fouls, they got the first of their goals through Brian Stein. They equalised from a penalty, though it seemed to me that a Newcastle defender had been fouled before it happened; then they won with another, ludicrous, penalty when the ball was driven against Mick Martin's upstretched hands. That of course was the end of any Newcastle challenge for promotion.

Luton have played some good football this season on a stadium they long to leave, and Pleat has admirably made the best out of his limited material, but even with Ricky Hill in form in their midfield, I think they will have trouble in Division One. Horton hasn't the pace any more to dominate in midfield, and at least two of the back four are woefully vulnerable. In attack, I don't think White, who after an uneasy beginning has done so well, will be as dangerous, remotely, in the upper echelon. But I may be wrong. It has happened, in similar circumstances, before.

Meanwhile it seems to me absurd that three teams should go up from a Second Division which inevitably has been growing worse and weaker for years. This season I haven't seen one Second Division side which truly impressed me, though Watford, with thrustful young wingers and a true menace in the rapid Luther Blissett, make, like Luton, impressively the most of what they've got. QPR have been a disappointment though they, like Watford, emphatically exposed the hollow nature of Sheffield Wednesday's pretensions.

Jackie Charlton, after the defeat at Loftus Road, went on and on, in the fashionable, contemporary, way, about how it was his "fault" that things had gone awry on the artificial turf, but the truth was that his team was exposed as one almost wholly — *pace* Curran — without talent.

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

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MY colleague at the SUNDAY TIMES Jason Thomas has produced a finely turned out biography of Peter Shilton, in collaboration with the goalkeeper himself, somewhat grandiosely titled PETER SHILTON: THE MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION. (World's Work, £7.95).

It is a companion volume to the equally well designed Trevor Francis book, by Rob Hughes, and it tells us something of Shilton's embattled perfectionism. Handsome, I think, is the appropriate word for this publication which, like that on Francis, puts the great bulk of its kind woefully to shame in its lay out and spectacular use of pictures.

Exchanges

There are revealing exchanges between Peter Taylor and Brian Clough, hardly the most laxly indulgent of men, and Shilton, whose perfectionism even they saw as compulsive. I quote:

"Don't you think you overdo it?" Taylor once asked Shilton.

"No, I don't think so . . ."

"Well, I think you do . . . I think you're obsessed."

And Clough: "On a few occasions, I've said to Peter after a training session: 'Come on, Peter, get in the bath.' He's looked at me as if to say he's wanted to do a bit more. 'Peter in that bath!' "

How unlike the quintessential British professional footballer, across the years. I remember dear old Ted Crawford, that splendid coach, once telling me what it was like to "train" with the great Irish goalkeeper Elisha Scott, when he joined Liverpool as a young player.

The veteran Scott would take him aside, go briefly and casually through a couple of arm stretches, then sit down and light a cigarette. Mind you, it didn't stop him winning a record number of caps for Ireland.

Ray Clemence's recent form with Tottenham has been so poor that it is simply no race between him and Shilton in the England goal, enabling Ron Greenwood to abandon his pusillanimous policy of picking them game by game. Clemence made a horrifying error at home to Barcelona which may be said to have cost Spurs the tie, and looked sadly vulnerable a week later when they played at home to Birmingham. Step forward, as number two, Joe Corrigan.

THE JIMMY HILL HAT DANCE
Brian Glanville

To be sung to the tune of THE MEXICAN HAT DANCE.

There's a bloke up at Coventry City,
With a beard that's no longer too pretty,
And he keeps banging on, more's the pity,
While he's constantly changing his hat.

For a moment, he'll come on as Chairman,
Overruling the Coventry staff.
He'll slag off his players,
Because they aren't stayers,
Then bunk off before they can laugh.

He's unique,
At his peak,
If he flops in the States,
Where he can't draw the gates,
There's no way it abates
His sheer cheek.

You can see him each week on the telly,
Where his antics reduce you to jelly,
For it's terribly easy to tell he
Is perpetually changing his hat.

Now he's got himself on a committee,
As the proper reward for his fame.
Eternally busy, he'll run 'em all dizzy
And mess up the laws of the game.

He's the best,
He's depressed.
He's so cross with the Press
Saying no and not yes
When the game's in a mess,
They're a pest.

Let's give thanks for a man so stupendous,
And the wisdom he's eager to lend us.
Though his ideas may seem quite horrendous,
We should never complain about that.
For he's constantly changing his hat.

Flamengo regain Brazilian title

RIO de Janeiro's Flamengo — the world club champions and Libertadores Cup holders — continued their run of successes when they regained the Brazilian national title, which they had won for the first time in 1980, by beating defending champions Gremio of Porto Alegre 1-0 in the final play-off at Rio's giant Maracana stadium in front of 140,000 people after the teams had drawn their regular home and away legs 1-1 and 0-0.

Nunes scored the only goal after only 10 minutes play, but once again it had been their star midfielder Zico who had scored the vital goals to get them to the final . . . and it had been far from easy.

Flamengo's players, whose long and hard campaign included last December's 3-0 victory over European Cup holders Liverpool in the world championship decider in Tokyo, were showing signs of tiredness, but the players were given three days complete rest, with no soccer or training, before the final play-off and they came out refreshed to gain victory over one of the hardest sides to beat in Brazil.

The final line-ups were:

Flamengo: Raul, Leandro (Antunes), Figueiredo, Marinho, Junior, Andrade, Adilio, Zico, Lico, Nunes (Vitor), Tita.

Gremio: Leao, Paulo Roberto, Newmar, De Leon, Paulo Cesar, Batista, Paulo Isidoro, Wilson Tadei, Renato, Baltazar (Paulinho), Tonho (Odair).

In second round group play Flamengo had a tough four-team group from which the top two advanced to the third round and although they ended Corintians' 23-match unbeaten run 2-0 in the last match — when both teams had already qualified — they still finished a point behind the Sao Paulo team. From then on it was a two-legged knock-out and the third round saw Flamengo up against a small team, Esporte, whom they only beat 3-2 on aggregate after losing the second leg 2-1 with their worst performance in a long time.

Boca Juniors 0 v River Plate 0 — Violence in Argentina's League classic. Boca's Benitez (left) and River's Messina fight for the ball.

In the quarter finals Flamengo came up against the famous Santos — then celebrating their 70th anniversary — and they only got through on a 3-2 aggregate after Zico equalised in the 1-1 second leg eight minutes from the end, while star-studded Sao Paulo FC, with four men in the World Cup squad, went out to state rivals Guarani.

The latter were Flamengo's semi final rivals and the Rio team beat them 2-1 in the first leg (Zico scored one), but seemed on the way out before fighting back from 0-2 down in the second leg with three goals from Zico. There was no doubt that Zico was almost entirely responsible for putting his club into the final while Gremio knocked out Corintians in the other semi final.

Flamengo controlled play in the first leg in Rio, but Gremio were on the point of gaining an important away win when Tonho scored six minutes from the end. Yet once again Zico saved his team with an equaliser just before the final whistle. He pulled down a high pass from Junior, turned quickly and lashed a fierce shot past the advancing Leao. It needed a touch of magic from Zico to find a way through the close-marking Gremio defence — the tightest in Brazil. In the second leg in Porto Alegre, not even Zico could find a way through as he had to spend quite some time in defence helping out to stop Gremio's dangerous attacks and it finished 0-0 to set up the replay.

In all, it was 270 minutes of nail-biting all-action soccer seen by 430,000 fans at the stadiums.

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WITH four games to go before the quarter finals of the national championship in Argentina and 28 of 32 teams still in with a chance of reaching the last eight, the headlines continue to be about the financial problems, specially of the major clubs.

Boca Juniors, last year's First Division champions, and Racing Club, who won the world title by beating Glasgow Celtic in 1967, appear to be the worst hit at the moment as their players have not been paid for months and have already taken legal steps which means that they can, at any moment, consider themselves free of contract. That they are not taking this step is because due to the present economic situation here they would be hard put to find another club which could pay them.

Both Boca and Racing also have continual embargos on their gate receipts by debtors which makes their situation worse and Boca Juniors have just placed all their players on the open to transfer list . . . although legally they could walk out and arrange their own transfers. Few players have actually signed contracts with their club, even elsewhere.

Gates are also getting poorer — except those of big club San Lorenzo which dropped into the second division at the end of last season. They have a bigger than ever following — a phenomenon not easily explained — although their team is not good and, though unbeaten and easy leaders, they have been winning their matches narrowly. On the week-end of the Boca Juniors-River Plate classic, which traditionally draws the year's biggest crowds, over 6,000 more people went to watch San Lorenzo play in the second division.

On the field, newly-promoted Quilmes top section A by the widest margin — five points — and national champions River Plate, who have had to play without nine of their players in the national team squad, are sixth out of eight and virtually out of it. Their own financial problems may force them to return Kempes to Spain's Valencia whom they still owe 2.5 million dollars for the transfer at the beginning of last season.

FC Oeste, runners-up in the first division and the national championship last year, again look like winning something this year. They lead group B by four points with the best over-all record (9-3-0) among the 32 teams in spite of having the smallest playing staff and recent injury problems. They play by far the best combined soccer without any real stars.

Boca Juniors 0 v River Plate 0 — Violence in Argentina's league classic as two defenders clash and River's Gordillo brings down Boca's Iturrieta.

from Eric Weil in Buenos Aires

Group C has Estudiantes de La Plata of Libertadores Cup fame leading by a point . . . and, it appears, with clean soccer. A total of 90 players had been sent off so far this season and Estudiantes were the only club with a clean record at press time. Boca Juniors' financial problems have resulted in a series of poor performances lately and the club has fallen from the top to joint second and may find it hard to qualify. A point further back are Talleres Córdoba, one of whose many ex-River Plate veterns, centre-forward Morete, a former international who spent several seasons in Spanish soccer, is championship top scorer with 12 goals.

Velez Sarsfield, the biggest close season buyers this year, top section D, but they are not playing as well as had been expected and one of their biggest buys, international midfielder Alonso from River Plate, has been completely off form with his new club and is presently out of the first team at his own request.

A point behind is Racing Córdoba, the club which will be entitled to enter the first division if they qualify for the quarterfinals again . . . and they look like doing it in favour of third-placed Renato Cesarini, a semi-pro team from Rasario who have done surprisingly well and at least are showing the big clubs how to keep out of the red financially. Their players have no salaries and simply share the gate takings (less expenses) among them.

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PEÑAROL, who beat Nacional 2-1 in the season's first meeting of Uruguay's two big clubs this season, lead the Gold Cup tournament (which started the season) by a point from Nacional and joint second Danubio and Defensor after five matches . . . and they played several matches without their international winger, Venancio Ramos, who has been holding out for a monthly salary of 9,000 dollars.

Fernando Morena, the club's centre-forward, is the only player in Uruguay who earns slightly more and Ramos has also been side-lined by a series of injuries and physical problems in recent times. Peñarol have furthermore had disciplinary problems with Brazilian winger Jair who came in part exchange for midfielder Ruben Paz (transferred to Brazil earlier this year), but they seemed to have made a good buy in Paraguayan midfielder Osorio, while Nacional strengthened their squad with the signing of Brazilian striker Milton Da Cruz who had been playing for Mexico's Universidad de Guadalajara.

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DEPORTIVO PEREIRA, under Colombian coach Gilberto Osorio in this country where foreign coaches and players are generally the stars, have made their best ever start to the season.

Unbeaten in their first 10 games, they lead the Opening Championship by five points . . . One round of the championship was brought forward from Sunday to Saturday so that fans could watch Sunday's Brazil-West Germany international on TV.

A Talleres Córdoba forward (left) shoots just before being brought down by a Huracan defencer. Talleres won 2-0 in the national championship match to retain their chance of qualifying for the quarterfinals in a virtually empty Córdoba World Cup stadium as fewer and fewer people watch soccer these days.

ECUADORIAN champions Barcelona of Guayaquil have started the season with four wins in a row and lead by two points.

Outstanding in the team, which plays before crowds of 50,000 at home, are their Brazilian strikers Joao Evangelista Oliveira (whom the fans call Paulo Cesar) and Alcides de Oliveira who score most of the goals, but middle of the table Nueve de Octubre are also a big attraction with veteran Brazilian World Cup winger Jairzinho, who is 37 and still showing a thing or two, in their line-up.

A much publicised – and televised – meeting of coaches of the four South American qualifiers in Santiago de Chile – Argentina's Cesar Menotti, Brazil's Tele Santana, Peru's Elba Padua de Lima and Chile's Luis Santibañez – had as its principal theme the fear of violence on the field during the World Cup finals in Spain and a call to referees to be stricter in stopping it. Among other things, doping was discussed and Menotti came out strongly against drug tests. He said he was convinced no doping existed in soccer and that by means of dope tests players were being treated like children.

Libertadores Cup

PARAGUAYAN champions Olimpia, winners in 1979, and Colombian vice-champions Tolima, who were taking part in the tournament for the first time, were the first qualifiers for the semi final stage of the Libertadores Cup.

Tolima, from the small city of Ibague, is considered one of the small clubs in Colombia and for many years it was the only one which would not sign foreign players. Last year they did, but even so they finished near the bottom of the first part of the championship. They won their group in the second part of the tournament however to go into the final round in which they were second to Medellin's Nacional.

Tolima finished their six group 3 matches undefeated in spite of not being able to use their own stadium which was under repairs and playing their home games in Bogotá (some 130 km away) and the group was possibly decided in the very first match in which Tolima beat the Colombian champions, Nacional, 3-0 on the latter's ground in Medellin. Nacional were by then without their Peruvian internationals Cueto and La Rosa who had gone back home to join their World Cup squad.

Tolima, who finished a point ahead of Nacional, are under Uruguayan coach Juan Mujica and now line up a Uruguayan goalkeeper, Clavijo, Argentine midfielder Del Rio and forwards Centurion and Isasi from Paraguay and Brazilian Ruy Rey. The other two teams in the group, Venezuela's Tachira and Estudiantes, put up little opposition, only defending and scoring few goals. Venezuelan soccer, with fewer foreign players, seems to be static and is still the poorest in South America.

Although Cup debutants Melgar — from Peru's second most important city of Arquipa (which is 2,600m above sea level) — did far better than previous provincial teams from Peru, they were just not good or experienced enough to beat Paraguay's Olimpia who won group 5 unbeaten. Arquipa's height was no problem for Olimpia who won 3-0 there and beat Melgar 4-0 at home in the last group match to beat them by a two-point margin. Peru's other representatives, Deportivo Municipal, coached by former Peruvian World Cup coach, Marcos Calderon, finished pointless in six matches after having continual financial and disciplinary problems with their players. (See full results and standings under "Classified Results".)

Central America

WITH two matches to go of regular season play in the Mexican first division, two teams — Atlante (with the over-all best record) and Zacatepec — have qualified for the eight-team final round.

Both clubs have wide leads in groups 3 and 4, but the fight was still close for second place, while the top two places in groups 1 and 2 were also unlikely to be decided before the final day.

Atlante's Brazilian striker, Evanivaldo Castro Cabinho, was leading scorer with 30 goals and foreigners also filled other leading places. Brazilian Ricardo Ferreti (Universidad Autonoma de Mexico) and Uruguay's Carlos Revetria (Neza) had 22, Carlos Perucci (Cruz Azul) 20 and Argentine former international Norberto Outes (America) 19.

The league wants to change the rules to make it more attractive for spectators. They want to abolish draws and decide games on extra time or, if necessary, post-match penalties as in the United States. The players, fearing it would require more effort and put more pressure on them, are against it. "If they want to put on a show, they should get some chorus girls," one said.

NORTH AMERICA by Colin Jose

Nicholl returns home to Canada for record fee . . .

MANCHESTER UNITED'S Irish international full-back, Jimmy Nicholl, has returned home — to Canada. Nicholl, who was born in Hamilton, Ontario, of Irish parents, but grew up in Belfast, is part of a large-scale revamping of the Toronto Blizzard under new coach Bob Houghton.

The Blizzard, who are reported to have paid Manchester United in the region of $550,000 for Nicholl, have also spent $200,000 on Bristol City's Swedish international goalkeeper Jan Moller and completed a complicated deal with Liverpool for striker David Fairclough.

During the winter months the Toronto club also obtained South African midfield star Ace Ntsoelengoe from the Minnesota Kicks, defenders Victor Kodelja (ex-Calgary Boomers) and Alan Merrick (the old West Bromwich Albion player formerly with Minnesota and Los Angeles), Argentinian midfielder Juan Carlos Molina and striker David Byrne, son of the former West Ham and England star Johnny Byrne, who played for Atlanta last year.

The signing of Ntsoelengoe brings together two of the most talented players South Africa has ever produced, for he will team up in the Blizzard midfield with Jomo Sono, a player for whom Juventus once offered $842,000.

After a disastrous season in 1981 when the team won only seven of 32 games and the average attendance dropped from 15,040 to 7,286, the Blizzard will operate under new management this season and club president Clive Toye said recently: "We will have a good and successful team, that the fans will want to watch."

The Blizzard, who will release Nicholl for all of Northern Ireland's World Cup games, are expected to announce more signings shortly and they will certainly need them for they will be competing in the North American Soccer League's Eastern Division against the league champions, Chicago Sting, the powerful New York Cosmos and their Canadian rivals, the Montreal Manic.

Here is how the re-aligned NASL looks for 1982 down seven clubs to 14 from last year's 21-team league.

Eastern Division

Chicago Sting: Winners of last year's Soccer Bowl over the New York Cosmos, the Sting retain most of last year's successful team, but have added veteran goalkeeper, Jim Brown, as a back-up to Dieter Ferner and signed Norwegian forward Hans Henriksen, while Duncan McKenzie was recently obtained from Tulsa.

Montreal Manic: Doubts about Gordon Hill hang over Montreal with the former England international thinking about asking for a move to a US club to avoid the Canadian tax structure. Adding Canadian international John McGrane from Los Angeles should strengthen the defence, while Nigerian forward Thompson Usiyan is one of the more exciting players in the league.

New York Cosmos: In contrast to other seasons, there is only one real newcomer in the Cosmos line-up for 1982 and that is American winger Steve Moyers. Francois Van der Elst has gone to West Ham, but the club still has Johan Neeskens, Wim Rijsbergen, Giorgio Chinaglia and Paraguayan stars Roberto Cabanas and Julio Cesar Romero. Julio Mazzei is interim coach after the departure of Hennes Weisweiler.

Toronto Blizzard: The signings of Nicholl, Moller and Fairclough will improve the chances of new coach Bob Houghton's club making the play-offs in a tough division.

Southern Division

Fort Lauderdale Strikers: One of three clubs in Florida, the Strikers have added high-scoring Brian Kidd from Atlanta and he joins Canadian Branko Segota in the front line. With great goalkeeping from Jan Van Beveren and Ray Hudson fit again, the Strikers main problem may be the absence of Teofilo Cubillas on World Cup duty for Peru for part of the season.

Jacksonville Tea Men: The Tea Men have strengthened their team by adding Yugoslavian defender Mihalj Keri from Los Angeles, Scottish international Archie Gemmell, Argentinian striker Ricardo Alonso from Minnesota and NASL veteran Mark Lindsay.

Tampa Bay Rowdies: After a poor start in 1981 the Rowdies came back in the second half of the season and look to be stronger in 1982, having added the experienced German defender Peter Nogly signed from Edmonton and forwards Zequinha and Njego Pesa obtained in the merger with the Dallas Tornado. The Rowdies have a special agreement with the Brazilian club Sao Paulo which brought them a talented player named Tatu for the indoor season. Tatu, however, may not be available during the summer, so the Rowdies will look to another Brazilian Luis Fernando as their main goalscorer.

Tulsa Roughnecks: A club which seems to be constantly beset by internal problems and it is those problems rather than its on-the-field performance which has prevented the Roughnecks from doing better in recent seasons. The club will be coached by Terry Hennessey this season but he will be without the talented Duncan McKenzie, just traded to Chicago, and that will hurt. The club could also lose both Billy Caskey and David McCreery to World Cup duties with Northern Ireland.

Western Division

Edmonton Drillers: Former Arsenal coach, Roger Thompson, takes over the Drillers who will play in Clarke Stadium this season instead of the larger Commonwealth Stadium. New signings include goalkeeper Paul Barron, from Crystal Palace and South African Neill Roberts, obtained from Tampa in the trade for Nogly. The Drillers have lost top scorer Edi Kirschner, who has returned to Germany.

Jimmy Nicholl.

Portland Timbers: The signing of Ron Futcher from Minnesota will give the team more punch and last year's strong defence returns.

San Diego Sockers: The NASL Indoor Champions are little changed from last year when they reached the semi-finals only to be narrowly defeated by Chicago. Kazimierz Deyna, along with Canadian striker Mike Stojanovic and German goalkeeper Volkmar Gross are key people here.

San Jose Earthquakes: One-time Wolves player Peter Short takes over as coach from Jimmy Gabriel while George Best returns and the club have signed Wim Suurbier from Los Angeles.

Seattle Sounders: Alan Hinton will be without Kevin Bond, now with Manchester City this season, and goalkeeper Jack Brand. The Sounders, however, will still have a strong team led by Alan Hudson and with Paul Hammond in goal.

Vancouver Whitecaps: Like most clubs around the league the Whitecaps are largely sticking with last year's line-up. One new signing is Canadian international goalkeeper Tino Lettieri who will compete with Scottish international David Harvey returning after a serious neck injury. Carl Valentine and Canadian midfielder Gerry Gray are keys to this club, who will have Willie Johnston back in the line-up for the first time since 1980.

With seven clubs having dropped out of the league for 1982 (Dallas Tornado, Los Angeles Aztecs, Calgary Boomers, Minnesota Kicks, Atlanta Chiefs, California Surf and Washington Diplomats), there are of course numerous players without jobs, who will drift into the American Soccer League or return to their native countries. This year each team is required to have four North American players on the field at all times and strangely enough in Toronto's case one of those players will be Irish international Jimmy Nicholl which seems to defeat the intent of the rule. The NASL will also play to FIFA rules in 1982 which means no more 35-yard offside lines.

European review

For the month of April

APRIL 4

Buenos Aires (River Plate)
Argentina 1 (Diaz 43)
Russia 1 (Oganessian 69)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 70,000. **Ref:** Arppi (Brz).

Argentina: Fillol — Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Ardiles, Gallego, Maradona — Valdano (Hernandez 81), Diaz, Kempes.

Russia: Dassayev — Sulakgelidze, Chivadze, Baltacha, Demyanenko — Bal, Darasela, Buryak (Khisanishvili 82) — Oganessian, Gavrilov (Shengelia 61), Blokhin.

Argentina, held by West Germany and Czechoslovakia, had to make do with another draw. But this time they were immeasurably improved, thanks to the contribution of Osvaldo Ardiles. The Tottenham midfielder was the star of the show, providing a pace and impetus which the world champions' attack had been sadly lacking for some time. In all, Argentina had 20 shots at goal (eight in the first half, 12 in the second) and were unlucky not to win. In the first half alone they could have had three or four goals — Ardiles missing one chance, Maradona going close with another. The only goal was scored by Ramon Diaz, after a pass from Mario Kempes. But it was a mistake by Kempes — his pass aimed for Maradona was off target — which exposed Argentina to the Soviet counter attack which saw Khoren Oganessian head in the equaliser. Argentina hit back; Daniel Passarella hit the post in the 80th minute and Maradona shot just too high. But the Soviets clung to their draw.

Leipzig
East Germany 1 (Hause 20)
Italy 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Krchnak (Cz).

E. Germany: Rudwaleit — Ullrich Trieloff, Schnuphase, Zötsche, Liebers, Hause, Dörner, Pommerenke, Streich (Jarosch 65), Trocha.

Italy: Zoff (Bordon 46) — Gentile, Marangon (Bergomi 61), Tardelli, Collovati, Scirea, Conti, Dossena (Marini 46), Graziani, Antognoni, Massaro.

Italy brought back Giancarlo Antognoni for his first international since recovering from his fractured skull, but were still without the injured Roberto Bettega and suspended Paolo Rossi. The East Germans controlled much of the first half and went in front with a headed goal from Lothar Hause, from Zotzche's cross. It was only in the second half that the Italians woke up . . . but too late to prevent their second successive defeat of the year. Manager Enzo Bearzot said later: "I was satisfied because we played much better than in the 2-0 defeat by France. All the same, we are taking too long to get up steam. Again this time it was only in the second half that we forced our way into the game. We can't afford to do that in the World Cup." Bearzot had provided a debut game for Fiorentina's 20-year-old midfielder Daniele Massaro.

Cologne
West Germany 2 (Littbarski 22, Breitner 88 pen)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Bicovsky 68)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 57,000. **Ref:** Quiniou (F).

West Germany: Schumacher — Kaltz (Engels 70), Hannes, K-H, Förster, Briegel — Dremmler (B. Forster 78), Breitner, Matthäus — Rummenigge, Fischer (Mill 46), Littbarski.

Czechoslovakia: Hruska — Jakubec, Fiala, Vojacek, Kukucka — Bicovsky, Stambacher, K. Jarolim (Danek 57) — Janecka (Jurkemik 70), Nehoda (Kriz 39), Vizek.

The Czechs continued their run of defeats against prospective European World Cup rivals, but they were unlucky. In a game a little short on international emotion, they were beaten by an unfortunate penalty two minutes from time. Even the Germans admitted it appeared Bicovsky chested the ball, rather than handled. But Paul Breitner converted the penalty without an apology. Earlier the Germans had taken the lead when Littbarski headed in a Kaltz cross after a corner, but the Czechs equalised with Bicovsky moving clear behind the defence to snap home a through pass from Danek.

Sofia
Bulgaria 1 (Yonchev 30)
Rumania 2 (Camataru 44, Boloni 80)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 28,000.

Bulgaria fielded very much a B team, without the CSKA contingent who were resting in view of their Champions' Cup return with Bayern Munich, which was coming up. The Rumanians were preparing for the opening match in the 1984 European championship and after a slow start, their greater urgency and ambition was duly rewarded.

Eindhoven
Holland 1 (Ophof 56)
Greece 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Konrath (F).

Holland: Van Breukelen — Wildschut (Stevens), Metgod, Van der Korput, Poortvliet — Rijkaard, W. Van der Kerkhof (Ophof), Vanenburg — Gullit, Kieft (Koolhof), Tol.

Greece: Sarganis — Gounaris, Karulias, Kapsis, Galizes — Livanthinos, Dodas, Kouis — Kostikos, Anastopoulos, Papaioannou.

Dutch manager Kees Rijvers put the accent on youth — at least in attack — with the inclusion of the likes of Kieft, Gullit, Rijkaard and the outstanding young Ajax talent, Gerard Vanenburg. It was substitute Edo Ophof who scored a well-deserved winner, converting Pier Tol's corner, but Greece wasted a chance of an equaliser when Anastopoulos lost his nerve in the 84th minute with only Van Breukelen to beat.

APRIL 18

Budapest
Hungary 1 (Dzentes 1)
Peru 2 (Uribe 54, 81)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Brunnemeier (Aus).

Hungary: Katzirz — Sallai, Kerekes, Toth (Varga 70), Hannich, Rab, Pocaik (Varadi 70), Bodonyi, Szentes, Kiss, Poloskei.

Peru: Quiroga — Duarte, Diaz, Olaechea, Rojas — Malasquez, Cueto, Velesquez, Leguia — La Rosa (Mavarro 65), Uribe.

Illness, injuries and the demands of foreign clubs meant that Hungary went into this World Cup warm-up against the exciting, if unpredictable Peruvians, without eight senior members of their squad — including forwards Tibor Nyilasi and Andras Torocsik.

Even so they made a fine start when newcomer Lazar Szentes scored with his first touch in international football, heading in a Gabor Poloskei cross in only the opening minute. Peru took a while to find their feet, but after the interval they began to take control. In the 54th minute Leeds target Julio Cesar Uribe equalised from a free-kick after being fouled; then nine minutes from time, he scored the winner after good work by German Leguia. Hungarian manager Kalman Meszöly warned later that the Peruvians may well finish in front of Poland and Italy, not to mention Cameroon, in their first round group in Spain.

Karl Heinz Rummenigge

APRIL 26

Algiers
Algeria 1 (Madjer 89)
Peru 1 (Malasquez 34)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 50,000.

Algeria: Amara — Bensheik, Tlemceni, Korichi, Guendouz — Maroc, Benrabu, Mansouri — Merzekane, Madjer, Kouici.

Peru: Quiroga — Duarte, Diaz, Olaechea, Rojas — Cueot, Velasquez, Leguia — Malasquez, La Rosa, Uribe.

The Peruvians were not impressed by the Algerians, who were carried to their draw on a wave of noisy support stoked up before the game when Lakhdar Belloumi was presented with his award as African Footballer of the Year. Peru went ahead through Cesar Cueto — with a drive from 30 yards — which surprised an Algerian side including five foreign-based professionals. But the hosts equalised in the dying seconds through Majder. The Peruvians complained afterwards that the referee had played long over time and that the Algerians put themselves about so busily they must have been doped.

APRIL 27

Cardiff
Wales 0
England 1 (Francis 73)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** O'Donnelly (NI).

Wales: Davies — Marustik, Stevenson, Ratcliffe, Jones — R. James, Nicholas, Thomas (L. James 46) — Flynn (Harris 77), Rush, Curtis.

England: Corrigan — Neal, Thompson, Butcher, Sansom — Hoddle (McDermott 52), Wilkins, Robson — Francis (Regis 80), Withe, Morley.

Italian manager Enzo Bearzot was at Ninian Park to see this British championship match decided by a goal, after a Wilkins-Robson free kick, from Trevor Francis. Francis had earlier hit the post on the half-hour. England played reasonably well considering all the upheavals to which manager Ron Greenwood was subjected because of club calls and injuries. Another injury during the game upset even the few experiments he tried, as Tottentham's Glenn Hoddle limped off early in the second half following a late challenge by Peter Nicholas.

APRIL 28

Paris
France 0
Peru 1 (Oblitas 81)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 46,429. **Ref:** Daina (Swz)

France: Baratelli — Amoros, Bathenay, Bossis, Specht, Genghini, Larios (Tigana 46), Platini, Bellone (Zenier 62), Couriol (Bravo 80), Rocheteau.

Peru: Quiroga — Duarte, Diaz, Olaechea, Guttierrez — Cueto, Velasquez, Uribe, Leguia (Malasquez 68) — Oblitas, La Rosa.

French manager Michel Hidalgo recalled Dominique Bathenay after a two year international absence and fielded his strongest midfield trio in Genghini, Larios and Platini. But the impressive Peruvians were too clever even for them and further improved a tour record which had seen them win in Hungary and draw with Algeria.

Right winger Juan Carlos Oblitas, who plays his club football in the Belgian Second Division, was refused a goal for offside in the 12th minute but made amends in the 81st. Cesar Cueto supplied the pass for Oblitas to cut in behind Manual Amoras and score from an acute angle. But the Peruvian star was Julio Uribe, who far outshone the Juventus-bound French skipper Michel Platini.

Vienna
Austria 2 (Schachner 30 and 42)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Jakubec 89)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Nagy (Hun).

Austria: Lindenberger — Krauss, Obermayer, Bichler, Pregesbauer (Degeorgi 60) — Hattenberger (Dihanich 79), Prohaska, Gasselich (Koreimann 57), Jara — Schachner, Krankl.

Czechoslovakia: Seman — Jakubec, Vojacek, Fiala, Barmos — Berger (Bicovsky 46), Panenka, Stambachr (Radimec 77), Jurkemik — Danek, Valek.

Austria scored their first victory in 19 years over their World Cup neighbours to leave the Czechs ever more concerned about their fate in Spain. The Czechs made a number of changes from the team beaten by West Germany and might have taken the lead in the 13th minute. However Danek's header rebounded from the bar with Austria's new goalkeeper, Klaus Lindenberger, beaten. Austria pulled themselves together after about 20 minutes and went ahead on the half hour with a goal from Walter Schachner, the striker who plays in Italy for Cesena. Just before half-time Schachner made it 2-0, after Hans Krankl had robbed his Rapid Vienna team-mate Antonin Panenka in midfield. Despite the absences of Bruno Pezzey from defence and Reinhold Hintermaier from midfield because of West German club calls, the Austrians remained well in command until the Czechs snatched a last-minute consolation goal through Frantisek Jakubec.

Brussels
Belgium 2 (Vandenbergh 3, Van Moer 53)
Bulgaria 1 (Mladenov 41)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 14,500. **Ref:** Hennig (WG).

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, Vandereycken (Verheyen 6), L. Millecamps, Renquin — Van Moer (Van der Elst 60), Coeck, Vercauteren (Mommens 60) — Vandenbergh, Ceulemans, Czerniatynski.

Bulgaria: Velinov — Nikolov, Balevski, Blangev, Bezinski — Zdravkov, Sadakov, Yonchev — Valchev, Mladenov, Dimitrov.

An uninspired Belgium won a poor game but suffered a major upset as they prepared to face Argentina in the World Cup's Opening Match. Rene Vandereycken, the Genoa midfielder or centre-back. was carried off with a knee injury which could put him out of the finals. Belgium had gone ahead after only three minutes through Anderlecht-bound Erwin Vandenbergh, who later created a fine 28th-minute opening for Jan Ceulemans. However, Ceulemans shot straight at Georgi Velinov and just before the interval Stoicho Mladenov equalised from close range after a solo run by Mikhail Valchev. Veteran Wilfried Van Moer restored Belgium's lead in the 55th minute after a Rene Verheyen effort had been blocked. Van Moer then gave way to West Ham's Francois Van der Elst, playing his first international since the 1980 European Championship Final, after which he decamped for New York Cosmos.

Valencia
Spain 2 (Tendillo 20, Alesanco 42)
Switzerland 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Courtney (Eng).

Spain: Arconada — Camacho, Tendillo, Alesanco, Gordillo — Miguel Alonso, Gallego (Urquiaga 46), Zamora (Sanchez 46) — Uralde, Satrustegui, Lopez Ufarte (Saura 59).

Switzerland: Burgener — Hermann, Luedi, Egli, Zappa, Favre, Scheiwiler (Maissen 59), Botteron, Sulser, Barberis, Brigger (Elsener 59).

Erich Burgener captained Switzerland as recognition of his 50th international, but he was beaten twice before half-time as Spain won their last warm-up game before the World Cup. Manager Jose Santamaria included five players from new champions Real Sociedad (though one, Miguel Alonso, is bound for Barcelona) as his team maintained their season-long unbeaten record. Spain dominated the first half in the stadium where they will open their World Cup campaign, and were well worth the half-time lead. The first, scored by Tendillo, followed a free kick from Jose Camacho; the second goal was headed in by Jose Ramon Alesanco direct from Roberto Lopez Ufarte's corner. Swiss manager Paul Wolfisberg went mad. He said: "I warned my defenders before the game about Spain's corners. It was the last thing I reminded them about!" The Swiss fought back in the second half, but by then the damage had been done. Favre shot wide and Rene Botteron (about to leave Standard Liege for Arminia Bielfeld) had a header narrowly off target. Spain's players went off on holiday for 10 days after the game, before reassembling at their Pyrenean training camp to prepare for the finals.

Belfast
Northern Ireland 1 (McIlroy 53)
Scotland 1 (Wark 32)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Hunting (Eng).

N. Ireland: Platt — Donaghy, Nelson, J. O'Neill, McClelland, Cleary, Brotherston, M. O'Neill, Campbell, McIlroy, Healy.

Scotland: Wood — McGrain, Albiston, McLeish (Hansen 75), Evans, Wark, Provan, Brazil, Dalglish, Hartford, Robertson (Sturrock 80).

Scotland manager Jock Stein gave his squad a shaking and the result was this British championship draw. Scotland dominated the first half and in only the sixth minute Jim Platt was forced to a fine save from Asa Hartford. The Irish twice came out of their shell after that. Bobby Campbell — given a new start after the rescinding of a 10-year ban — laid on an opening for Neil Brotherston, but George Wood saved. Then a Sammy McIlroy free kick was diverted just over the Scottish bar by defender Allan Evans. In the 32nd minute Wark put Scotland ahead, but McIlroy finally scored 'his' goal in the 53rd minute after a fine move built up between Mal Donaghy and Brotherston.

Luis Arconada, captain of Spain.

Algiers
Algeria 2 (Assad 15, Madjer 64)
Rep. Ireland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Lombard (F).

Algeria: Cerbah — Guendouz, Merzekane (Kouici 46), Kourichi, Medjadi — Mansouri, Maroc, Bellourni (Bensheik 46) — Tlemcani (Madjer 46), Assad, Bourebbou (Chebel 63).

Rep. Ireland: Bonnar — Devine, Moran (Deacy 70), Martin, Grimes, Grealish, Waddock (Ryan 75), Brighton, O'Callaghan, Stapleton, Robinson (Walsh 46).

The Irish wasted their chances and the Algerians took full advantage. Assad scored the first goal and created the second for Madjer. Daly and Stapleton — who should have equalised at 1-1 — were the principal Irish culprits.

Stavanger
Norway 1 (Thoresen 65)
Finland 1 (Ikalainen 17)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,000.

Norway had star striker Pal Jacobsen sent off after an hour for retaliation — all in all a disappointing start to their new international season.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP. — Quarter-Finals, 2nd legs: Apr 6 (Augsburg): W. Germany 2 (Voller 80, Littbarski 89), Spain 0. W. Germany 2-1 on agg. **Apr 7** (West Ham): England 2 (Hateley 6, 20), Poland 2 (Biernat 62, Baran 74). England 4-3 on agg. **Semi-Finals, 1st leg: Apr 20** (Hampden): Scotland 0, England 1 (Thompson 54). **Apr 21** (Kharkov). Russia 3 (Tolukarov 16, Gurinovich 34, Radionov 54), West Germany 4 (Völler 9, 88, Dumanski, own goal 28, T. Allofs 83). **2nd legs: Apr 28** (Maine Road): England 1 (Heath 26), Scotland 1 (Sharp 25). England 2-1 on agg. **May 4** (Aachen): W. Germany 5 (Littbarski 2, Reinders, Gruber, Strack), Russia 0. W. Germany 9-3 on agg. **Final:** England v West Germany to be played on a two-leg basis early in season 1982-83.

OTHER INTERNATIONALS. — Apr 2 (Amsterdam): Holland Olympic 2 (Van Donkschot, Van Veele), Belgium Olympic 2 (Van Bergem 2). **Apr 8** (Florence): Fiorentina 0, Peru 1 (Leguia 58). **Apr 14** (Milan): Milan/Inter 0, Peru 2 (Leguia 5, Malasquez 45). — (Algiers): Algeria 1 (Yahi 66), Benfica 0. — (Prague): Czechoslovakia U21 1 (Luhovy 16), West Germany U21 1 (Van Heesen 72). **Apr 17** (Algiers): Algeria 1 (Chebel 23), Lille 1 (Verel 44). **Apr 21** (Chalkis): Greece U21 0, Italy Div. 2 U23 1 (Iorio 67). — (Kamien): Row Rybnik 0, Poland 2 (Skrobowski, Kusto). — (Olavarria): Loma Negra 1 (Husillos 81), Russia 0. **Apr 22** (Belenenses): Belenenses 1, Kuwait 1. — (La Coruna): Coruna 1 (Silvi 89), Peru 1 (Uribe 22). **Apr 27** (Pamplona): Spain U21 0, Switzerland U21 0. — (Esch): Luxembourg 0, France B 1 (Jeannol 46). — (Estoril): Estoril 1, Kuwait 2 (Al-Dakhil 28, 54). **Apr 29** (Amora): Amora 0, Kuwait 1. — (Oviedo): Oviedo 0, Chile 0. **Apr 30** (Liege): Seraing 2 (Claessen 15, Olaechea own goal 35), Peru 1 (La Rosa 60).

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MITROPA CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Milan	6	4	1	1	10	4	9
Osijek	5	1	2	2	7	7	4
Vitkovice	4	1	2	1	0	7	3
Haladas	5	1	1	3	6	10	3

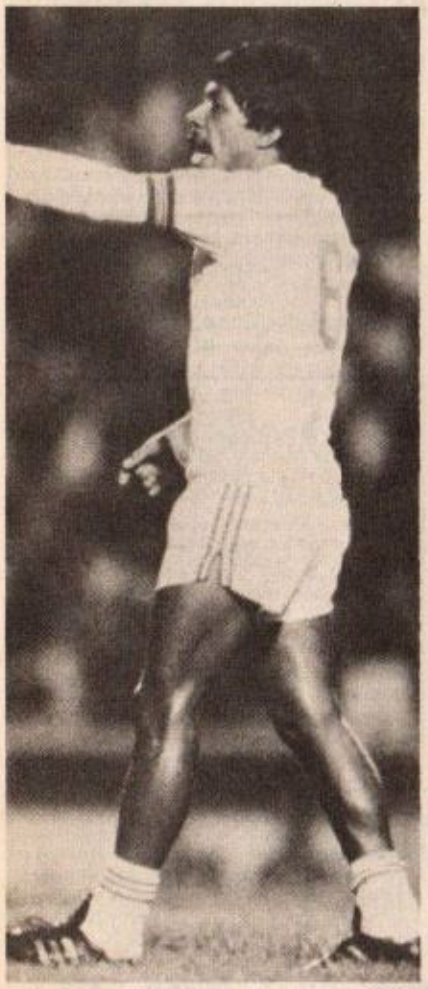
MARCH 23
Chile (2) 2 (Letelier, Neira)
Peru (1) 1 (Figueroa o.g.)
Att: 49,800
Chile: Osben, Galindo, Soto, Figueroa, Bigorra, Dubo, Rivas (Alarcon), Neira, Letelier, Gamboa (Yanez), Moscoso.
Peru: Quiroga, Duarte, Diaz, Olaechea, Rojas, Velasquez, Cueto, Uribe, Malasquez, La Rosa (Navarro), Leguia (Reyna).

MARCH 30
Peru (1) 1 (Navarro)
Chile 0
Att: 38,000

APRIL 14
***Argentina (1) 1** (Diaz)
Soviet Union (0) 1 (Oganessian)
**See Page 41 for match details.*

APRIL 18
El Salvador (2) 3 (Huezo, Gonzalez 2)
Honduras (2) 2 (Morales, Betancourt)
El Salvador: Guevara Mora, Castillo, Jovel, Fagoaga, Recinos, Rugamas, Huezo, Alfaro, Gonzalez, Mandingo Rivas, Zapata.
Honduras: Nazar, Drumond, Costly, Villegas, Bulnes, Bueso, Zelaya, Maradiaga, Figueroa, Morales, Betancourt.

APRIL 22
Honduras 1 (Betancourt)
El Salvador 1 (Zapata)
Honduras: Arzu, Costly, Bulnes, Buezo, Figueroa, Maradiaga, Gutierrez Murillo, Villegas, Toledo, Celso.
El Salvador: Mora, Jovel, Castillo, Fagoaga, Recinos, Rugamas, Zapata, J. Gonzalez (sent off), Huezo, Ragazone, Ventura.



Raman Maradiaga of Honduras.

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Libertadores Cup)

Group 3 — March 24
Tachira (Venezuela) 0
Estudiantes (Venezuela) 0
Att: 18,000
Nacional (Colombia) 0
Tolima (Colombia) (1) 3 (Del Rio 2, Escobar)
Att: 40,000

March 28
Estudiantes (Venezuela) (0) 1 (Olivares)
Nacional (Colombia) (1) 3 (Gomez 2, Herra)
Estudiantes: Briceño, Molina, Sianni, Rivero, Nappilotti (Mario), Torres, Scarpecio, Olivares, Fernandez, Olivares, Bosetti.
Nacional: Carras, Porras, Droguenetti, Lopez, Luna, Sarmiento, Peluffo, Herrera, Viera, De Souza (Didi), Gomez.
Tachira (Venezuela) 0
Tolima (Colombia) (1) 2 (Marturano, Cabezas)
Tachira: Romero, Arroyo, Marturano, Barboza, Becera, Matias, Guanco, Tolizano, Cafuringa, Caceres, Iguaren.
Tolima: Clavijo, Redondo, Escobar, Gallego, Carillo, Flores, Mendoza, Del Rio, Isasi, Munera, Centurion (Cabezas).

March 31
Tachira (Venezuela) 0
National (Colombia) 0
Tachira: Romero, Palomo, Contreras (Socarras), Barboza, Martorano, Becerra, Mathias (Paez), Guanco, Mendez, Nada, Acevedo, Iguaran.
Nacional: Carras, Luna, Lopez, Dragonetti (Cardona), Porras, Peluffo, Sarmiento, Viera, Gomez, Didi (Ricuarte), Herrera.

Estudiantes (Venezuela) (0) 1 (Olivares)
Tolima (Colombia) (0) 1 (Cabezas)
Estudiantes: Paredes, Molina (C. Torres), Garcia Siani, N. Rivero, Napilotti, Torres, Scarpeccio, Ildemaro, Olivares, Bosetti (Almeida), Rivero.
Tolima: Clavijo, Flores, Gallego, Escobar, Carrillo, Munera, Mendoza, Del Rio, Cabezas (Velasquez), Arujo, Centurion.

April 14
Tolima (Colombia) 0
Nacional (Colombia) 0

Estudiantes (Venezuela) 1
Tachira (Venezuela) 0

April 18
Tolima (Colombia) (2) 2 (Ruiz Rey, Del Rio)
Tachira (Venezuela) (2) 2 (Mendez, Acevedo)
Att: 45,000

Nacional (Colombia) 2
Estudiantes (Venezuela) 0

April 21
Tolima (Colombia) (1) 1 (Vasquez)
Estudiantes (Venezuela) 0
Att: 35,000

Nacional (Colombia) 1
Tachira (Venezuela) 0

Group 3 final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tolima (Colombia)	6	3	3	0	9	3	9
Nacional (Colombia)	6	3	2	1	6	4	8
Estudiantes (Venezuela)	6	1	2	3	3	7	4
Tachira (Venezuela)	6	0	3	3	3	7	3

Group 5 — March 20
Deportivo Municipal (Peru) (0) 1 (Sato)
Olimpia (Paraguay) (0) 2 (Michelagnoli, Ferreyra)
Municipal: Sartor, Maldonado, Campos, Quijante, Quintana, Bonelli, Sato, Drago, Zorilla, Negrete (Argote/Carrido), Camacho.
Olimpia: Almeyda, Solalinde, Paredes, Delgado, Giudice, Pua, Guasch, Talavera, Ferreyra, Michelagnoli, Aquino.
Ref: Luis Felix; **Att:** 1,000.

March 24
Melgar (Peru) 0
Olimpia (Paraguay) (1) 3 (Ferreyra, Talavera, Pangracio)

March 28
Deportivo Municipal (Peru) 0
Sol de America (Paraguay) (1) 3 (Villalba 2 (1 pen), Jimenez)
Municipal: Sartor, Maldonado, Campos, Quijante, Sato, Boneli, Drago, Zorilla, Negrete, Camacho, Argote.
Sol de America: Perez, Caballero, Torres, Insfran, Villalba, Gamarra, Mino, Isasi, J. Villalba, Jimenez, Aranda.
Att: 1,000.

March 31
Melgar (Peru) (0) 3 (Gutierrez, Mendoza, E. Neyra pen.)
Sol de America (Paraguay) (0) 2 (Jiminez 2)
Melgar: Oviedo, Ramirez, Obando, Bustamante, Aguayo, G. Neyra, Zuloaga (Ramirez), Guillen, Mendoza (Medina), E. Neyra, Gutierrez.
Sol de America: Perez, Caballero, Araña, Centurion, Insfran (Medina), Gamarra, Alonso, Mino, Isasi, Jimenez (Montes), Villalba.

April 4
Sol de America (Paraguay) (1) 1 (Villalba)
Olimpia (Paraguay) (1) 1 (Pua)
Sol de America: Perez, Rodriguez, Torres, Aranda, Caballero, Gamarra, Centurion, Villalba, Benitez Leite, Jimenez, Isasi.
Olimpia: Almeida, Solalinde, Paredes, Delgado, Giudice, Pua, Guasch, Talavera, Ferreyra, Michelagnoli, Pangrazio.
Ref: José Antequera, (Bolivia). **Att:** 20,000.

Melgar (Peru) (1) 2 (Guillen, Genaro)
Deportivo Municipal (Peru) 0

April 14
Sol De America (Paraguay) 2
Deportivo Municipal (Peru) 1

April 18
Olimpia (Paraguay) (0) 1 (Talavera)
Deportivo Municipal (Peru) 0

April 21
Sol de America (Paraguay) 0
Melgar (Peru) (2) 2 (E. Neyra 2)
Sol de America: Battaglia, Escobarez, Aranda, Torres, Medina, Gamarra, Centurion, Vilalba, Achucarro, Jimenez, Isasi.
Melgar: Oviedo, Ramirez, Bustamante, Obando, Aguayo, G. Neyra, Guillen, Zuluaga, Quinjandria, E. Neyra, Gutierrez.
Ref: José Martinez Bazan (Uruguay). **Att:** 5,500.

April 25
Olimpia (Paraguay) (2) 4 (Aquino, Talavera 2, Ferreyra)
Melgar (Peru) 0
Olimpia: Almeida, Solalinde, Paredes, Delgado, Giudice, Pua, Guasch, Talavera, Ferreyra, Pangrazio, Aquino.
Melgar: Oviedo, J. Ramirez, Quijandria, Bustamante, Aguayo, Zuloaga, J. Ramirez, Obando, G. Neyra, E. Neyra, Guillen.
Ref: Roque Cerullo (Uruguay). **Att:** 20,000.

Group 5 final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLIMPIA (Paraguay)	6	4	2	0	12	3	10
Melgar (Peru)	6	4	0	2	9	10	8
Sol de America (Paraguay)	6	2	2	2	9	8	6
Municipal (Peru)	6	0	0	6	3	12	0

Major Club Internationals: March 17 — Colo Colo (Chile) 0 Velez Sarsfield (Argentina) 0; Mar 18 — Nacional (Uruguay) 2 Huracán (Argentina) 0; Mar 25 — Nacional (Uruguay) 1 San Lorenzo (Argentina) 0; Apr 19 — Deportivo Italia (Venezuela) 1 Union Magdalena (Colombia) 4 — on post match penalties; Arp 20 — Petroleros de Zulia (Venezuela) 0 Union Magdalena (Colombia) 3.
Other Internationals: March 16 — Peru select 2 Borussia Dortmund (W. Germany) 0; March 19 — Peru select 1 Nacional Medellin (Colombia) 1; March 22 — Honduras select 4 Borussia Dortmund (W. Germany) 1; March 31 — Universitario (Peru) 2 El Salvador select 1; April 7 — Chile select 1 Defensor (Uruguay) 0; April 14 — Chile select 0 Botafogo Rio (Brazil) 1; April 15 — Venezuela select 1 Union Magdalena (Colombia) 1; April 17 — Loma Negra (Argentina) 1 Soviet Union select 0; April 20 — Chile select 5 Boca Juniors (Argentina) 1; April 15 — El Salvador select 0 Botafogo Rio (Brazil) 1.

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ARGENTINA — National Championship
(Four more games to play — top two from each group qualify for quarter-finals)

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Quilmes	12	7	4	1	27	19	18
Newell's Old Boys (Rosario)	12	3	7	2	21	11	13
Instituto Córdoba	12	5	3	4	21	17	13
Sarmiento Junin	12	3	6	3	19	19	12
Indep. Rivadavia Mendoza	12	4	4	4	19	27	12
River Plate	12	3	5	4	13	18	11
Gimnasia y Esgrima Jujuy	12	2	5	5	15	17	9
Nueva Chicago	12	1	6	5	13	22	8

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Oeste	12	9	3	0	26	8	21
Independiente	12	6	5	1	20	13	17
Union Santa Fe	12	5	6	1	19	8	16
Argentinos Juniors	12	4	5	3	16	14	13
At. Concepción Tucuman	12	3	3	6	17	20	9
Union San Vicente Córdoba	12	1	6	5	18	22	8
San Lorenzo Mar del Plata	12	2	4	6	18	25	8
Estudiantes Santiago d.Es	12	1	2	9	12	33	4

Group C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Estudiantes de La Plata	12	5	6	1	17	9	16
Rosario Central	12	6	3	3	31	12	15
Boca Juniors	12	5	5	2	24	13	15
Talleres Córdoba	12	4	6	2	26	20	14
Gimnasia y Esgrima Mendoza	12	5	4	3	19	17	14
Central Norte Salta	12	5	1	6	14	22	11
Huracán	12	3	4	5	14	16	10
Mariano Moreno Junin	12	0	1	11	8	42	1

Group D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Velez Sarsfield	12	6	4	2	20	11	16
Racing Córdoba	12	5	5	2	21	15	15
Renato Cesarini (Rosario)	12	4	5	3	19	17	13
San Martin Tucuman	12	5	3	4	11	10	13
Platense	12	3	5	4	12	13	11
Racing Club	12	2	7	3	15	19	11
Guarani Posadas	12	3	3	6	13	17	9
Deportivo Roca (R. Negro)	12	2	4	6	11	23	8

BRAZIL — National Championship: Second round final standings (Top two of each group qualify for third round to be played as two-legged k.o. from then on).
Group J: Vasco da Gama (Rio) and Operario 7 pts, America (Rio) and International (SM) 5; **Group K:** Guarani 9, Gremio (P. Alegre) 8, Nautico 5, Maringa 2; **Group L:** Corinthians 9, Flamengo (Rio) 8, Atletico Minas Gerais 5, Internacional P. Alegre 2; **Group M:** Esporte 8, Bahia and 15 de Jau 6, Paissandu 4; **Group N:** Santos 9, Bangu 7, Internactional (S. Paulo) and Sao Paulo (Rio Grande) 4; **Group O:** Sao Jose 9, Londrina 8, Botafogo Rio 4, Treze 3; **Group P:** Sao Paulo 10, Ceara (qualified on better goal difference) and Ponte Preta 6, Atletico (PR) 2; **Group Q:** Fluminense (Rio) 9, Anapolina 8, Cruzeiro 5, Moto Clube 2.

CHILE — Pre-season tournament
Group A: Cobreloa 7 pts, Iquique 5, Atacama 3, La Serena 2; **Group B:** Magallanes 9, Naval 8, Rangers 7, O'Higgins 5, Santiago Morning 0; **Group C:** Universidad de Chile 9, Universidad Catolica 8, Union Española 5, Colo Colo 5, Audax Italiano 4, Palestino 3.

URUGUAY — First Division "Gold Cup"
After five games — 1. Peñarol 8 pts; 2. Nacional, Danubio, Defensor 7; 5. Rampla Juniors, River Plate 6; 7. Wanderers, Progeso, Bella Vista 5; 10. Cerro, Huracan Buceo 3; 12. Sud America, Miramar, Liverpool 2.

COLOMBIA — Opening Championships:
1. Pereira (11 games) 18 pts; 2. Deportivo Cali (11) 13; 3. America (10) 12; 4. Santa Fe, Medellin (11) 11; 6. Caldas (11), Bucaramanga (11), Nacional (10), Union Magdalena (10) 10; 10. Cucuta, Junior Barranquilla (11 each), Tolima (9) 9; 13. Millionarios (10), Quindio (11) 8.

COSTA RICA — Professional Championship
1. Limon 13 pts; 2. Saprissa 11; 3. Alajuelense 10; 4. Punta Arenas 8; 5. Herediano, Cartagines 7; 7. San Ramón 6; 8. Sagrada Familia 5; 9. San Carlos 4; 10. San José 2.

ECUADOR — Professional Championship
Section A (1st Division) — after 4 games: 1. Barcelona 8 pts; 2. Deportivo Quito 6; 3. Emelec, Nacional 5; 5. Nueve de Octubre, Tecnico Universitario 4; 7. Universidad Portoviejo 3; 8. Everest, Liga Deportiva Universitaria 2; 10. Universidad Catolica 1. **Section B (2nd Division):** 1. Deportivo Quevedo 6; 2. America 5; 3. Aucas, Audaz Octubrino, Deportivo Cuenca 4; 6. Liga Universitaria, Macara, Manta 3.

BOLIVIA — Professional Championship
After three games — Leaders: Blooming, San José and Bolivar 5 pts.

VENEZUELA — Copa Venezuela:

Metropolitan group (final)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italia	6	2	4	0	7	5	8
Valencia	6	1	5	0	7	6	7
Galicia	6	2	2	2	6	4	6
Portugues	6	0	3	3	3	8	3

Western group (one match to go)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Universidad Los Andes	5	4	1	0	7	1	9
Tachira	5	4	0	1	8	3	8
San Cristobal	5	0	2	3	5	9	2
Estudiantes	5	0	1	4	3	9	1

Central-Western group (final)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Atletico Zamora	6	3	2	1	9	5	8
Lara	6	2	3	1	4	4	7
Portuguesa	6	1	3	2	3	5	5
Zulia	6	1	2	3	8	9	5

(Italia, Atletico Zamora and either Universidad Los Andes or Tachira qualify for final round).

MEXICO STANDINGS

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America	34	15	11	8	48	27	41
Universidad Nuevo Leon	34	13	11	10	48	40	37
Puebla	34	14	9	11	53	52	37
Univ. Autonoma Mexico	34	11	14	9	57	43	36
Atlas	34	7	8	19	30	60	22

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neza	34	12	15	7	50	38	39
Cruz Azul	34	12	14	8	46	36	38
Potosino	34	12	12	10	47	46	36
Universidad Guadalajara	34	10	16	8	42	34	36
Leon	34	5	13	16	34	57	23

Group 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zacatapec	34	13	16	5	40	22	42
Atletico Español	34	10	9	15	44	50	29
Morelia	34	9	11	14	32	43	29
Guadalajara	34	5	14	14	38	49	24
Tampico	34	6	9	19	34	62	21

Group 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Atlante	34	19	10	5	57	28	48
Campesinos	34	13	11	10	37	35	37
Toluca	34	11	13	10	47	49	35
Monterrey	34	11	12	10	43	53	34
Univ. Autonoma Guadalajara	34	10	14	10	41	44	34

EAST GERMANY— FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dynamo	24	18	3	3	71	24	39
Dresden	24	14	3	7	46	23	32
Frankfurt	24	13	5	6	50	35	31
Leipzig	24	12	6	6	49	26	30
Jena	24	13	4	7	45	25	30
Magdeburg	24	12	6	6	45	38	30
Erfurt	24	9	7	8	50	42	25
Karl-Marx-Stadt	24	9	5	10	48	35	23
Rostock	24	8	7	9	35	36	23
Aue	24	8	6	10	33	45	22
Halle	24	7	6	11	24	43	20
Zwickau	24	4	6	14	19	48	14
Cottbus	24	2	5	17	16	57	9
Schkopau	24	2	5	17	17	71	9

BELGIUM — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Standard	34	19	10	5	59	28	48
Anderlecht	34	19	8	7	56	31	46
La Gantoise	34	16	13	5	38	20	45
Lokeren	34	17	10	7	56	32	44
Antwerp	34	17	9	8	45	23	43
Courtrai	34	14	10	10	39	35	38
Beveren	34	14	9	11	45	33	37
Lierse	34	14	8	12	49	51	36
Waterschei	34	11	8	15	44	55	30
Tongres	34	11	8	15	40	54	30
RWDM	34	12	6	16	41	49	29
Waregem	34	10	9	15	30	34	29
Winterslag	34	10	9	15	24	49	29
FC Liege	34	10	8	16	36	50	28
Cercle Bruges	34	10	8	16	57	61	28
Bruges	34	10	8	16	46	46	28
Beringen	34	9	9	16	33	50	27
Malines	34	6	5	23	28	65	17

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	41	26	8	7	80	32	86
Ipswich	41	25	5	11	73	52	80
Manchester United	42	22	12	8	59	29	78
Tottenham	41	20	11	10	66	46	71
Arsenal	42	20	11	11	48	37	71
Swansea	41	21	6	14	58	48	69
Southampton	42	19	9	14	72	67	66
Everton	42	17	13	12	56	50	64
West Ham	42	14	16	12	66	57	58
Manchester City	42	15	13	14	49	50	58
Notts Forest	42	15	12	15	42	48	57
Aston Villa	41	14	12	15	52	53	54
Brighton	42	13	13	16	43	52	52
Coventry	42	13	11	18	56	62	50
Notts County	42	13	8	21	61	69	47
Birmingham	42	10	14	18	53	61	44
Sunderland	42	11	11	20	38	58	44
Leeds	41	10	12	19	39	59	42
West Bromwich	40	10	11	19	44	54	41
Stoke	41	11	8	22	41	63	41
Wolverhampton	42	10	10	22	32	63	40
Middlesbrough	41	8	14	19	34	52	38

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Servette	27	19	5	3	68	25	43
Grasshoppers	27	18	7	2	62	22	43
Neuchâtel Xamax	27	16	8	3	59	26	40
Zürich	27	15	10	2	50	22	40
Young Boys	26	14	6	6	45	34	34
Sion	27	11	6	10	45	41	28
Basel	27	11	5	11	43	44	27
Luzern	27	10	5	12	48	51	25
St. Gallen	26	10	4	12	37	39	24
Aarau	27	8	7	12	44	52	23
Vevey	27	5	10	12	36	48	20
Bellinzona	27	6	7	14	30	59	19
Lausanne	27	5	8	14	33	44	18
Bulle	27	4	9	14	27	53	17
Nordstern	27	6	3	18	27	60	15
Chiasso	27	3	8	16	21	55	14

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	33	25	4	4	114	41	54
Eindhoven	33	23	3	7	74	37	49
Alkmaar	33	20	5	8	68	38	45
Haarlem	33	17	8	8	56	38	42
Utrecht	33	17	5	11	56	37	39
Groningen	33	16	5	12	66	55	37
Feyenoord	33	13	11	9	58	56	37
Sparta	33	12	10	11	60	48	34
Kerkrade	33	14	6	13	56	50	34
Deventer	33	12	9	12	56	48	33
Breda	33	12	9	12	41	46	33
Twente	33	13	4	16	47	55	30
Nijmegen	33	10	8	15	39	62	28
Zwolle	33	8	10	15	44	66	26
Willem II	33	9	7	17	47	63	25
Maastrich	33	6	11	16	34	62	23
Den Haag	33	4	5	24	28	78	13
De Graafschap	33	3	6	24	29	93	12

ITALY — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	30	19	8	3	48	14	46
Fiorentina	30	17	11	2	36	17	45
Roma	30	15	8	7	40	29	38
Napoli	30	10	15	5	31	21	35
Internazionale	30	11	13	6	39	34	35
Ascoli	30	9	14	7	26	21	32
Catanzaro	30	9	10	11	25	29	28
Avellino	30	9	9	12	22	26	27
Torino	30	8	11	11	25	30	27
Cesena	30	8	11	11	34	41	27
Udinese	30	9	8	13	27	37	26
Cagliari	30	7	11	12	33	36	25
Genoa	30	6	13	11	24	29	25
Milan	30	7	10	13	21	31	24
Bologna	30	6	11	13	25	37	23
Como	30	3	11	16	18	42	17

PORTUGAL

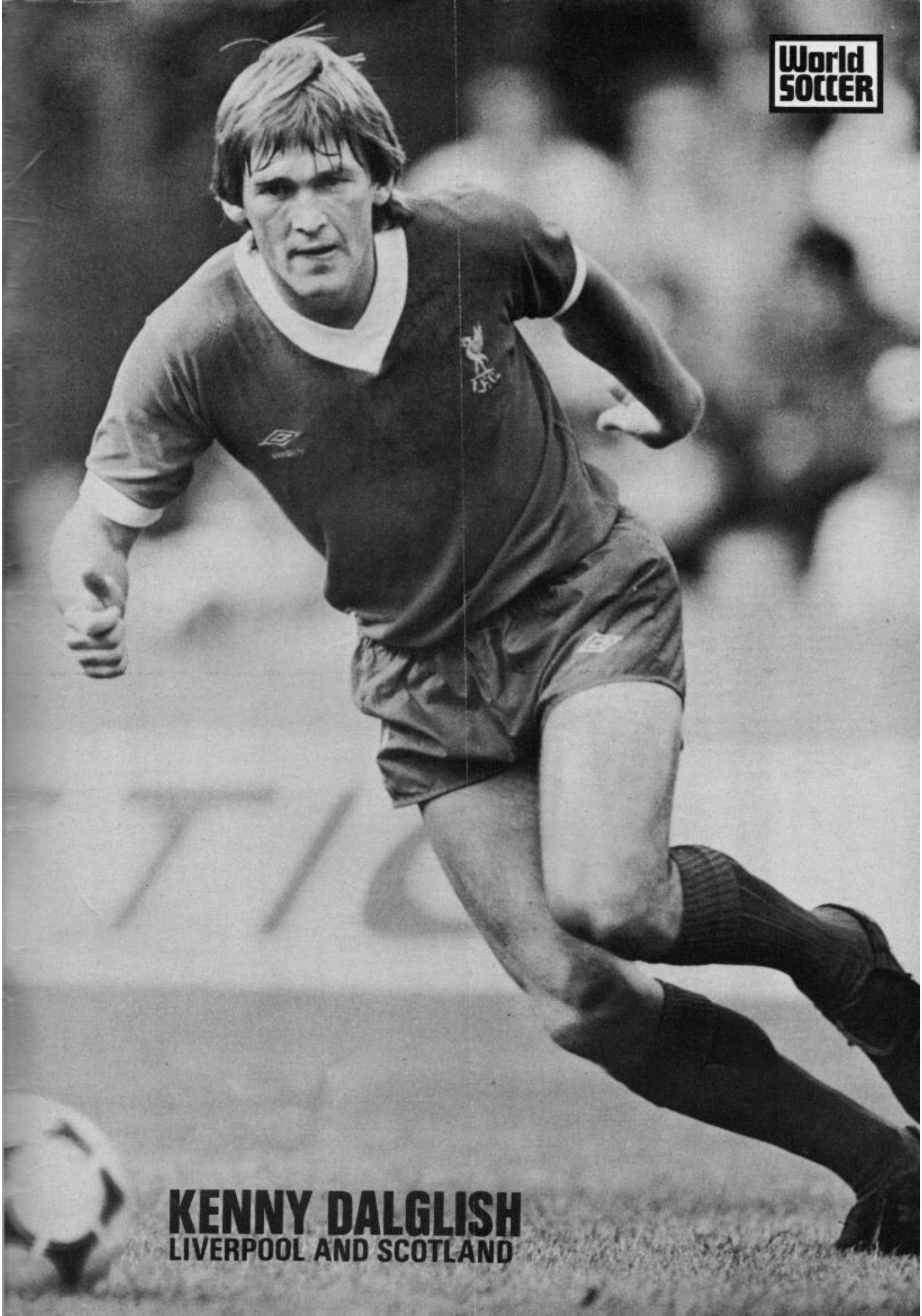
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting	29	19	8	2	63	23	46
Benfica	29	19	4	6	58	22	42
Porto	29	16	9	4	44	17	41
Guimares	29	12	12	5	37	22	36
Rio Ave	29	12	8	9	23	31	32
Portimonense	29	11	8	10	33	24	30
Braga	29	11	8	10	34	37	30
Setubal	29	9	10	10	30	30	28
Boavista	29	10	6	13	36	35	26
Espinho	29	7	11	11	32	40	25
Penafiel	29	9	5	15	19	35	23
Viseu	29	9	5	15	24	50	23
Estoril	29	6	10	13	29	41	22
Amora	29	5	12	12	24	37	22
Belenenses	29	5	10	14	29	45	20
Leiria	29	7	4	18	23	49	18

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid	34	17	11	6	64	43	45
Austria	34	17	8	9	48	30	42
Admira	34	14	7	13	50	56	35
Graz	34	14	6	14	38	47	34
Innsbruck	34	13	7	14	51	47	33
Sturm	34	14	5	15	52	55	33
Wiener SK	34	11	9	14	46	56	31
Salzburg	34	10	9	15	45	46	29
VOest	34	11	7	16	35	39	29
Linz	34	11	7	16	33	44	29

SCOTLAND — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	36	24	7	5	79	33	55
Aberdeen	36	23	7	6	71	29	53
Rangers	36	16	11	9	57	45	43
Dundee United	36	15	10	11	61	38	40
St. Mirren	36	14	9	13	49	42	37
Hibernian	36	11	14	11	38	40	36
Morton	36	9	12	15	31	54	30
Dundee	36	11	4	21	46	72	26
Partick	36	6	10	20	35	59	22
Airdrie	36	5	8	23	31	76	18



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